

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## PSALM Psalm 122

**R** *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem; **R**

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. "Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces." For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 13.11–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

11 Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## GOSPEL Matthew 24.36–44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### GLORY BE TO YOU O LORD

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 36 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the gospel of the Lord **PRAISE BE TO YOU O CHRIST**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**





THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

# The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook MK44 1HU, St Mary's Church, Felmersham MK43 7JP

All Saints Church, Souldrop MK44 1EX

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Welcome! Please TAKE THIS SHEET HOME with you - take one for your neighbours too!

## Worship in the Benefice today—ADVENT SUNDAY

- 0830 Souldrop **Holy Communion** BCP
- 0930 Sharnbrook **Parish Communion** & Rise 'n Shine
- 1100 Felmersham **Parish Communion**
- 1600 Sharnbrook **Christingle Service**
- 1800 **Benefice Advent Carol Service** at Felmersham

### Monday—feria

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook
- 1145 **Messy Church** at Sharnbrook
- 2000 **Compline** by candlelight at Sharnbrook

### Tuesday—Day of Thanksgiving for Missionary Work of the Church

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook
- 0930 **Holy Communion** (CW) at Felmersham
- 2000 **Compline** by candlelight at Felmersham

### Wednesday—Feast Day St. Andrew the Apostle

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook
- 0930 **Holy Communion** BCP followed by sherry & cake in church
- 1845 prompt **Advent Study Course** in St Peters Room
- 2000 **Compline** by candlelight at Sharnbrook

### Thursday—Charles de Foucauld 1916 **WORLD AIDS DAY**

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook
- 2000 **Compline** by candlelight at Felmersham



### Friday—feria

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook
- 2000 **Compline** by candlelight at Sharnbrook

### Saturday—Francis Xavier, Apostle to the Indies 1552

- 0800 **Morning Prayer** at Sharnbrook

## Worship Next Sunday—4 December **Advent 2**

- 0930 Sharnbrook **Parish Communion** and Rise 'n Shine
- 1100 Felmersham **Parish Communion**
- 1500 **Ouse Valley Singers Concert** at Sharnbrook  
*no service at All Saints because of the above*
- 1800 **Benefice Evensong** at Sharnbrook

Items for inclusion in this sheet should be sent to [sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:sharnbrookbenefice@gmail.com) by 0900 on Wednesdays.

In this Advent Season to make your confession, or talk about what you might gain from making your confession, please contact the Rector for a chat and discussion.



## Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's

open Friday 2 Dec 3:30pm—9pm

Sat 3 Dec 10am - 4pm &

Sun 4 Dec 11:30am - 1pm entrance £2



Bring friends, relatives and neighbours to have a look.



Compline by candlelight for Advent starts this week.

Monday, Wed. & Friday in St Peter's  
Tuesday & Thursday in St Mary's

**Volunteer post**—we need someone to put this sheet together each week using Publisher. It takes about 2 hours on a Wednesday. Please talk to the rector if you are able to do this for the Benefice and for the mission of Christ.



**Advent Study Course**—Sharnbrook Churches Together. The Advent course is 'Living in the Light' and is an easy to access course for churches. Prompt start at 6:45pm in St Peter's Room each Wednesday in Advent to end with Compline in church.

### Intercessions

**The Sick:** Janet Humphreys, Don Gough

**The Deceased:** David Stevenson

*Send the names of people who have asked to be remembered in our parish intercessions to the Rector*

Of your charity pray for the work of Childrens Society, Shelter and Peace in Syria. In the Benefice pray that we may keep a good and holy ADVENT SEASON and that God may lead men and women to our churches to help us grow in number and depth of discipleship. Pray for the men, women and children of our Benefice affected by HIV/AIDS. Pray for Andrea's work in establishing the Pastoral Group across the Benefice.

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