

## COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Job 1.1, 2.1-10

A reading from the book of Job

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. 2One day the heavenly beings\* came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan\* also came among them to present himself before the Lord. 2The Lord said to Satan,\* 'Where have you come from?' Satan\* answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' 3The Lord said to Satan,\* 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' 4Then Satan\* answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.\* 5But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' 6The Lord said to Satan,\* 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' 7 So Satan\* went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. 8Job\* took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. 9 Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse\* God, and die.' 10But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

## PSALM 8



## **R O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!**

Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast. You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger. **R** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained, What is man, that you should be mindful of him; the son of man, that you should seek him out? **R** You have made him little lower than the angels and crown him with glory and honour. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under his feet, **R** All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea. **R**

## SECOND READING Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,\* whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains\* all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the

right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 Now God\* did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,\* or mortals, that you care for them?\*' 7 You have made them for a little while lower\* than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour,\* 8 subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God\* left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower\* than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God\* he might taste death for everyone. 10 It was fitting that God,\* for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.\* For this reason Jesus\* is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,\* 12saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,\* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

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## GOSPEL Mark 10.2-16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark **GLORY TO YOU O LORD**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' 3He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 4They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' 5But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." 7" "For this reason a man shall leave his father and

mother and be joined to his wife,\* 8and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one

flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' 10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' 13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Welcome—today we say goodbye to Fr Reuben, Stephen & George**

## Worship in the Benefice today...

### Trinity 19

final services of Fr Reuben in the CofE  
1030 Sharnbrook Benefice Communion &  
1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong



### Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



### Monday-feria

**Tuesday-Commemoration- Denys, bishop and companions martyrs c250**

**Wednesday—Lesser Festival—Paulinus bishop missionary 644**

0930 Sharnbrook **Morning Prayer—LLW JaneT**

**Thursday --Commemoration- Ethelburga 670**

0930 Felmersham **Holy Communion CW—Rev Lionel**

**Friday—Lesser Festival- Wilfrid missionary 709**

1145 Sharnbrook Messy Church

**Saturday—Lesser Festival-Edward the Confessor 1066**

## The Rector leaves the Church of England to join the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Fr Reuben is to be Rector of St John's, Johnstone & St Margaret's, Renfrew. Reuben & Stephen are planning their wedding next September. Reuben's Licensing is on Thurs 1 Nov at 7pm at St Margaret's, Renfrew. You are invited to attend— please let Reuben know if you can come. The local congregations are offering accommodation to any staying visitors—please ask for a bed.



### His new address will be:

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[rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

## Next Sunday services— Trinity 20

*no service at Souldrop*

0930 Sharnbrook All Age Communion—Rev Lionel

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion—Rev Lionel

1800 Sharnbrook Benefice Evensong—LLW Rosemary



As Roland lays down his duties as a Churchwarden at St Peter's please think & pray about offering to take up this post for St Peters, and work with Janet to lead St Peters as the Benefice begins to seek a new Rector.

Robert and Caroline thank you for your cards and prayers after the death of Jonathan. They gave us and the family much strength and comfort for which we are very grateful. Blessings Robert and Caroline



### Intercessions

**The sick and in need:** Anne, Regina, Marjorie, Jo, Doreen, Isabela, Pam, David, Keri, Maureen, Conrad & Cynthia

**The Departed:** none

### Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for people recovering from hospital treatments  
Pray for the lonely of our parishes  
Pray for our Civic Parish Councillors in their work

## St Peter's Coffee Morning

Sat 20 October  
1030am-12noon

*Coffee Morning*

at  
Pear Tree Cottage,  
High Street



### Church Contacts

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