



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

<https://sharnbrookbenefice.church>

**Welcome**



<b>Sunday 1st February</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (CW)</b>	St. Mary's	Rev. Paolo
<b>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST</b>	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Peter's + Zoom	Rev. Nick / Rev. Paolo
Tuesday 3rd February	7:30pm	<b>Sharnbrook Home Group</b>	Rectory	Rev. Paolo
Wednesday 4th February	9:30am	<b>Communion (CW)</b>	St. Mary's	Rev. Robert
Thursday 5th February	9:30am	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	Zoom	Neville Adams
	7:30pm	<b>Felmersham Home Group</b>	Riverside House	Rev. Paolo
<b>Sunday 8th February</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (BCP)</b>	St. Peter's	Fr. Mac
<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints	Rev. Paolo
<b>BEFORE LENT</b>	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Mary's + Zoom	Rev. Nick / Fr. Mac
	3:00pm	<b>Faith Explorers</b>	St. Mary's	Rev. Paolo / Sue Whitehouse
	3:00pm	<b>Evensong</b>	St. Peter's	Rosemary Drewery

## Upcoming Regular Events:-

<a href="#">Little Hearts</a>	<b>Fridays 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9:30 - 11am</b>
<a href="#">The Ark</a>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10 am -12 noon</b>
<a href="#">Needles &amp; Pins</a>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10 am -12 noon</b>
<a href="#">Faith Explorers</a>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, St. Mary's 3pm</b>
Churches Together Lunch Club	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 12:30pm</b>
Carers Together	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2:30pm</b>

'Zoom' Link for our Benefice Online Services

<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> Password: 079014

Choral Communion
Readers: Lynn Rogers and Jean Brawn
Intercessor: Colin Scott

## Home Study Groups

Two groups, running monthly.  
An opportunity for fellowship,  
and deepening our understanding of scripture.

### Sharnbrook Group:

The Rectory, 81 High Street, Sharnbrook  
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 2026 at 7:30 PM

### Felmersham Group:

Riverside House, Felmersham  
Next Meeting: **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February** 2026 at 7:30 PM

To help us plan for numbers,  
**please register your interest in either group,**  
by contacting **Revd Paolo**.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE COLLECTION BOXES

*A Message from Paul and Ali*

If you have one of last year's Children's Society House  
Collection boxes, please either

- **Bring it to St. Peter's on Sunday 1st February,**
- Call 01234 782149 to arrange to drop it off at Pear Tree Cottage 97, High Street,
- Call 01234 782149 to arrange for it to be collected.

**New boxes will be distributed during February,  
and new box holders would be most welcome.**

## UPDATING ST. PETER'S ELECTORAL ROLL

*A Message from Mel Oxley-Boyle*

**If you would like your name to be added:-**

please complete an application form (available in the porch) and hand it to me, or leave it in the Choir vestry.

**If you wish your name to be removed:-**

please contact me on 07787 120871

**The deadline for amendments is April 24th**



## SILENT SOLDIER and MEMORY

Those named on the Memory Tree were  
collectively remembered in special prayers at  
Christmas, and will be again at Candlemas.

You are welcome to add new names.

We remember in our prayers all those in our Prayer Book or on our Prayer  
Board, and especially the following:-

**The sick and in need:** Penni, Nicole, Debbi, Gill, Derek, Ron, Robert,  
Clemmie, Marion, Gill M, Jane, Ben

**The Departed** John Longstaff, Shirley O'Shaughnessy,  
Candiece Rogers, Ralph Sewell

(Please let Revd. Paolo Di Leo know if you would like any names of dear  
ones to be added or removed)

## Church Contacts

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## Churchwardens:

St Peter's Church

St Mary's Church:

All Saints' Church:

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Nick Wells 07841 759497

**Safeguarding Co-Ord:**

Rosemary Drewery 07792 926004

**To receive this weekly pew sheet by email,  
or to offer items for inclusion, please send an email to  
[pewnotice@stpeterssharnbrook.church](mailto:pewnotice@stpeterssharnbrook.church)**

## ST. PETER'S

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**ST. PETER'S WEBSITE**

**Sharnbrook PCC**  
Sort Code **20-05-74**  
Acc. No. **80821632**  
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**ST. MARY'S WEBSITE**

**Felmersham PCC**  
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Acc. No. **71165011**  
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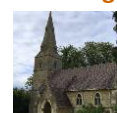
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## ALL SAINTS'

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# THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

When you have finished with this sheet please pass it on to someone unable to get to church today

## COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord  
(as it is written in the law of the Lord, *(continued)*

'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),

and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's

Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**