



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

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**Welcome**



<b>Sunday 4th January 2026</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (CW)</b>	St. Mary's	Fr. Mac
<b>CHRISTMAS 2</b>	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Peter's + Zoom	Fr. Mac
Wednesday 7th January	9:30am	<b>Communion (CW)</b>	St. Mary's	Fr. Mac
Thursday 8th January	9:30am	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	Zoom	Neville Adams
<b>Sunday 11th January</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (BCP)</b>	St. Peter's	Rev. Nick
<b>EPIPHANY</b>	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints	Fr. Mac
	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Mary's + Zoom	Rev. Nick
	3:00pm	<b>Faith Explorers</b>	St. Mary's	Sue Whitehouse
	3:00pm	<b>Evensong</b>	St. Peter's	Rosemary Drewery

Whilst Revd Paolo is on leave, from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>, please contact Revd Nick Munday for pastoral matters, and your churchwarden for anything else.

**Upcoming Regular Events:-**  
[Little Hearts](#) **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** 9:30 - 11am  
[The Ark](#) **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**, 10 am -12 noon  
[Needles & Pins](#) **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, 10 am -12 noon  
[Faith Explorers](#) **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**, St. Mary's, 3pm  
**Churches Together Lunch Club** **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**, 12:30pm  
**Sharnbrook Home Study Group** **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, 7:30 pm  
**Felmersham Home Study Group** **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, 7:30 pm

'Zoom' Link for our Benefice Online Services  
<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> Password: 079014  
 Choral Communion  
**Readers:** Julian and Wendy Armitage  
**Intercessor:** Father Mac



## SILENT SOLDIER and MEMORY

These two Commemorative trees from our Christmas Tree Festival will remain in St. Peter's Prayer corner beside the font until Candlemas.

All those named on the Memory Tree were collectively remembered in special prayers on Christmas morning, and will be again at Candelmas.

You are welcome to add new name tags at any time.

## Ouse Valley Mothers' Union

will meet in St. Peter's Room on  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.30pm

**Members' Meeting**  
**Tea, cake and good conversation**  
**as we plan the year ahead**

Please click [poster](#) for further details

## Welcome to the Man Cave

Resuming on **9<sup>th</sup> January**, on Friday mornings at 10am at Sharnbrook Scout hut. An opportunity to make new friends, chat and share experiences. Free tea, coffee and toast.

For more information call Bernard Brown on 07711664451 or Steve Marvell on 07904 176698

Please click [here](#) to view poster.

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, Debby, Gill, Derek, Ron, Robert, Clemmie, Marion, Gill M, Jane, Ben

**The Departed** Richard Smerdon

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

# Happy New Year

May the Spirit of Christmas, with its message of peace, love, and hope, continue to guide and accompany you throughout the New Year.

Be courageous in your journey, knowing that every failure will point to a new beginning and every accomplishment will serve as a stepping stone to a greater hope.

May your New Year be filled with the transformative and the unwavering love of God, revealed through Jesus Christ the Spirit of Christmas and the hope of the world.

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**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)**

<b>ST. PETER'S</b> by cheque or online banking	<b>Sharnbrook PCC</b> Sort Code <b>20-05-74</b> Acc. No. <b>80821632</b> Reference <b>ST PETER</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b> by cheque or online banking	<b>Felmersham PCC</b> Sort Code <b>40-10-02</b> Acc. No. <b>71165011</b> Reference <b>ST MARY</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS'</b> by cheque or online banking	<b>Souldrop PCC</b> Sort Code <b>30-99-50</b> Acc. No. <b>17958463</b> Reference <b>ALL SAINTS</b>
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<b>ST. PETER'S WEBSITE</b>		<b>ST. MARY'S WEBSITE</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS' WEBSITE</b>	

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

## COLLECT

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son that the world may have life:  
*lead us to seek him among the outcast*  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-12

Wisdom praises herself,  
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.  
In the assembly of the Most High she opens her  
mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of  
her glory:  
'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
and covered the earth like a mist.  
I dwelt in the highest heavens,  
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.  
Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
and traversed the depths of the abyss.  
Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.  
Among all these I sought a resting-place;  
in whose territory should I abide?  
'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.  
He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance."  
Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.  
In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.  
Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,  
and in Jerusalem was my domain.  
I took root in an honoured people,  
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every  
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he  
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world  
to be holy and blameless before him in love. He  
destined us for adoption as his children through  
Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his  
will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely  
bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have  
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our  
trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that  
he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he  
has made known to us the mystery of his will,  
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in  
Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up  
all things in him, things in heaven and things on  
earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an  
inheritance, having been destined according to the  
purpose of him who accomplishes all things

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according to his counsel and will, so that we, who  
were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for  
the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you  
had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your  
salvation, and had believed in him, were marked  
with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the  
pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as  
God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

## GOSPEL: John 1: (1-9) 10-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was  
with God, and the Word was God. He was in the  
beginning with God. All things came into being  
through him, and without him not one thing came  
into being. What has come into being in him was  
life, and the life was the light of all people. The  
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did  
not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name  
was John. He came as a witness to testify to the  
light, so that all might believe through him. He  
himself was not the light, but he came to testify to  
the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into  
being through him; yet the world did not know  
him. He came to what was his own, and his own  
people did not accept him. But to all who received  
him, who believed in his name, he gave power to  
become children of God, who were born, not of  
blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,  
but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a  
father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John  
testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of  
whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead  
of me because he was before me."') From his  
fullness we have all received, grace upon  
grace. The law indeed was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No  
one has ever seen God. It is God the only  
Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has  
made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## POST COMMUNION

All praise to you,  
almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world  
to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us  
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever. **Amen**