



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

<https://sharnbrookbenefice.church>

Welcome



Sunday 22nd February	9:00am	Said Communion (BCP)	St. Peter's	Rev. Nick
LENT 1	10:30am	Choral Communion	St. Mary's + Zoom	Rev. Nick
	3:00pm	Evensong	St. Peter's	Rosemary Drewery
Wednesday 25th February	9:30am	Communion (BCP)	St. Peter's	Rev. Paolo
Wednesday 25th February	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom	Rev. Paolo
Thursday 26th February	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom	Rev. Paolo
Friday 27th February	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom	Fr. Mac
Sunday 1st March	9:00am	Said Communion (CW)	St. Mary's	Rev. Paolo
LENT 2	10:30am	Choral Communion	St. Peter's + Zoom	Rev. Paolo

Upcoming Regular Events:-

Little Hearts	Friday 27 th Feb, 9:30 - 11am but not Friday 20th
The Ark	Wednesday 25 th February, 10 am -12 noon
Needles & Pins	Wednesday 4 th March, 10 am -12 noon
Faith Explorers	Sunday 8 th March, St. Mary's 3pm
Churches Together Lunch Club	Tuesday 17 th March, 12:30pm
Carers Together	Monday 2 nd March, 2:30pm
Sharnbrook Home Study Group	Tuesday 3 rd March, 7:30 pm
Felmersham Home Study Group	Thursday 5 th March, 7:30 pm

'Zoom' Link for our Benefice Online Services
<https://zoom.us/j/763110804> Password: 079014
 Choral Communion
 Readers: Janet Welsh and Jane Carwithen
 Intercessor: Sue Whitehouse

COMPLINE NIGHT PRAYER
 During Lent, why not join us for a time of quiet reflection and contemplation at the end of the day.
 At 9pm on ZOOM, on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Faith Explorers now once a month
 Families from across the Benefice are in future invited to come together for **Faith Explorers** on the second Sunday of the month, at 3pm in St. Mary's Church Felmersham.

The Benefice Choir
 We would like to add a few more choristers to our Benefice Choir which sings at the main 10.30am communion services at St. Peter's or St. Mary's each week.
 If you like singing and would like to join us or find out more about us, please contact **Janet Welsh on 01234 781010** or **Colin Scott on 01234 781559**

SHARNBROOK LENT PROJECT 2026
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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, Candiece Rogers, Ralph Sewell, Jane Roberts
 (Please let Revd. Paolo Di Leo know if you would like any names of dear ones to be added or removed)

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ST. PETER'S WEBSITE		ST. MARY'S WEBSITE		ALL SAINTS' WEBSITE	

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st READING: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die..' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

2ND READING: Romans 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.
But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one,

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much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

In memory of John Longstaff, whose funeral will take place at St. Mary's Church Felmersham at 2:00pm on Monday February 23rd 2026.