



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

<https://sharnbrookbenefice.church>

**Welcome**



<b>Sunday 15th February</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (CW)</b>	St. Mary's	Rev. Paolo
<b>SUNDAY NEXT</b>	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Peter's + Zoom	Rev. Paolo
<b>BEFORE LENT</b>	3:00pm	<b>Faith Explorers</b>	<b>- Cancelled</b>	
Wednesday 18th February	7:30pm	<b>Communion and Imposition of Ashes</b>	St. Peter's	Rev. Nick / Fr. Mac
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>				
Thursday 19th February	9:30am	<b>Morning Prayer (CW)</b>	Zoom	Neville Adams
Friday 20th February	9:00pm	<b>Compline</b>	Zoom	Fr. Mac
<b>Sunday 22nd February</b>	9:00am	<b>Said Communion (BCP)</b>	St. Peter's	Rev. Nick
<b>LENT 1</b>	10:30am	<b>Choral Communion</b>	St. Mary's + Zoom	Rev. Nick
	3:00pm	<b>Evensong</b>	St. Peter's	Rosemary Drewery

<b>Upcoming Regular Events:-</b>	
<b>Little Hearts</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 9:30 - 11am but <b>not Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>The Ark</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 10 am -12 noon
<b>Needles &amp; Pins</b>	Wednesday 18th February, 10 am -12 noon
<b>Faith Explorers</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, St. Mary's 3pm
Churches Together Lunch Club	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 12:30pm
Carers Together	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2:30pm
Sharnbrook Home Study Group	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 7:30 pm
Felmersham Home Study Group	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 7:30 pm

<b>'Zoom' Link for our Benefice Online Services</b>	
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/763110804">https://zoom.us/j/763110804</a>	<b>Password: 079014</b>
Choral Communion	
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Intercessor:</b>
Sue Wilde and Jackie Biggs	Ian Campbell

<b>CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSE COLLECTION BOXES</b>
<i>A Message from Paul and Ali</i>
If you have one of last year's Children's Society House Collection boxes, please call 01234 782149 to arrange
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to drop it off at Pear Tree Cottage 97, High Street, OR</li> <li>for it to be collected.</li> </ul>

<b>COMPLINE NIGHT PRAYER</b>
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, commencing on Friday February 20 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Faith Explorers now once a month</b>
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.

<b>SHARNBROOK LENT PROJECT 2026</b>
<b>Hope Works</b>
<b>Supporting the Homeless in Bedford and Milton Keynes</b>
You may wish to take home a Lent collection box, to serve as a daily reminder, or alternatively make a one-off donation using one of the following methods:-
by cheque / online banking OR online, by card payment
payable to
Sharnbrook PCC
Sort Code 20-05-74
Acc. No. 80821632
Reference Hope Works
click or scan this QR code

<b>The Benefice Choir</b>
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 <b>Janet Welsh on 01234 781010</b> or <b>Colin Scott on 01234 781559</b>

We remember in our prayers all those in our Prayer Book or on our Prayer Board, and especially the following:-
<b>The sick and in need:</b> Penni, Nicole, Debbi, Gill, Derek, Ron, Robert, Clemmie, Marion, Gill M, Jane, Ben
<b>The Departed</b> John Longstaff, Shirley O'Shaughnessy, 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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<b>To receive this weekly pew sheet by email, or to offer items for inclusion, please send an email to <a href="mailto:pewnotice@stpeterssharnbrook.church">pewnotice@stpeterssharnbrook.church</a></b>

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

# THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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

## **COLLECT**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Psalm 42**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?  
My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
'Where is your God?'  
These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng, and led them in  
procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.  
By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
I say to God, my rock,  
'Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?'  
As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
'Where is your God?'  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

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

## **2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 2 Peter 1: 16-end**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths  
when we made known to you the power and  
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, *(continued)*

but we had been eyewitnesses of his  
majesty. For he received honour and glory from  
God the Father when that voice was conveyed to  
him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my  
Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well  
pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come  
from heaven, while we were with him on the holy  
mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully  
confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this  
as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day  
dawns and the morning star rises in your  
hearts. First of all you must understand this, that  
no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own  
interpretation, because no prophecy ever came  
by human will, but men and women moved by  
the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and  
James and his brother John and led them up a  
high mountain, by themselves. And he was  
transfigured before them, and his face shone  
like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling  
white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses  
and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to  
Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you  
wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for  
you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While  
he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud  
overshadowed them, and from the cloud a  
voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with  
him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the  
disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and  
were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and  
touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be  
afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no  
one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus  
ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until  
after the Son of Man has been raised from the  
dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## **POST COMMUNION**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to  
change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

In memory of Ralph Sewell, whose funeral will take place at Norse Road Crematorium, Bedford, MK41 0RL  
at 2:30pm on Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, and afterwards at The Park, 98 Kimbolton Road, MK40 2PF