



The United Benefice of Sharnbrook, Felmersham and Knotting with Souldrop

<https://sharnbrookbenefice.church>

Welcome



Sunday 8th March	9:00am	Said Communion (BCP)	St. Peter's	Rev. Paolo
LENT 3	10:30am	Holy Communion	All Saints	Rev. Nick / Fiona Di Leo
	10:30am	Choral Communion	St. Mary's + Zoom	Rev. Paolo
	3:00pm	Faith Explorers	St. Mary's	Rev. Paolo / Sue Whitehouse
	3:00pm	Evensong	St. Peter's	Rosemary Drewery
Tuesday 10th March	7:30pm	Lent Reflections	Zoom	Rev. Paolo
Wednesday 11th March	9:30am	Communion (BCP)	St. Peter's	Fr. Mac
	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom	Fiona Di Leo
Thursday 12th March	9:30am	Morning Prayer (CW)	Zoom	Rev. Paolo
Friday 13th March	9:00pm	Compline	Zoom	Rev. Robert
Sunday 15th March	9:00am	Said Communion (CW)	St. Mary's	Rev. Robert
LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY	10:30am	Choral Communion	St. Peter's + Zoom	Rev. Paolo / Rev. Robert

Upcoming Regular Events:-
[Little Hearts](#) Friday 6th and 13th March 9:30 - 11am
[The Ark](#) Wednesday 25th March, 10 am -12 noon
[Needles & Pins](#) Wednesday 18th March, 10 am -12 noon
[Faith Explorers](#) Sunday 8th March, St. Mary's 3pm
 Churches Together Lunch Club Tuesday 17th March, 12:30pm
 Carers Together Monday 16th March, 2:30pm
 Sharnbrook Home Study Group Tuesday 5th May, 7:30 pm
 Felmersham Home Study Group Thursday 7th May, 7:30 pm

Ali and Paul are now distributing
The Children's Society House Collection Boxes for 2026
 and would very much welcome new box holders.

Please click [here](#) for a full list of **Benefice Easter services**.

SHARNBROOK LENT PROJECT 2026 Hope Works
Supporting the Homeless in Bedford and Milton Keynes
 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** click or scan this QR code
 Sort Code **20-05-74**
 Acc. No. **80821632**
 Reference **Hope Works**



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, Oakley, Alan
The Departed John Longstaff, Candiece Rogers, Jane Roberts, Alan Wilde
 (Please let Revd. Paolo Di Leo know if you would like any names of dear ones to be added or removed)

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

LENT REFLECTIONS ONLINE 7:30 - 8:00pm
 zoomed using the Benefice Services details
10th March Restless till we rest in you - St Augustine
17th March Follow me - Thomas A Kempis
24th March The Road we Travel - John Bunyan
31st March What we are Longing For - C.S Lewis
 Please click [poster](#) for full details

The Passion of Christ St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook
Sunday March 29th at 6pm
 The events leading up to Easter in words and music, presented by the Benefice Choir and friends, conducted by Janet Welsh.
 Please click [poster](#) for full details

Ouse Valley Mothers' Union will meet in St. Peter's Room on
Thursday 12th March at 2.30pm
Bring a picture, sampler, ornament or verse which inspires you during Lent
 Please click [poster](#) for further details

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

COLLECT

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection
we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st READING: Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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

2ND READING: Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
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For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

GOSPEL: John 4: 5-42

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Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well

There is insufficient space here to carry the entire text of this Gospel Reading

You may choose to follow the text in the pew Bible, or refer to the separate sheet (page 3 of this pew sheet).

And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

In memory of Alan Wilde, whose funeral will take place at St. Peter's Church Sharnbrook at 1:00pm on Thursday March 12th 2026.

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A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit

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and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.

And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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