

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 2nd April, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: Lift high the cross	Gradual: 464
Offertory: 342	Communion: 358
Final: 400	

Lift high the cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Refrain*

From farthest regions let their homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Savior King. *Refrain*

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*

Kyrie Eleison:

Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sanctus/Benedictus:

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Shines the world with light.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is our Redeemer sent from God on high,
Saves the world from sin and strife with majesty and might,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Agnus Dei:

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Setting: Kim Lane

8:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Second Reading: Romans 8. 6 - 11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11. 1 - 45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken

him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**



Hello Children Where is Mary Mouse hiding today?

We welcome everyone to this church and particularly families and their children. We are all children of God no matter what our age and young children are our future. There are books, colouring sheets and pens provided in the children's corner which they are encouraged to use. If as a member of the congregation you find noise distracting, do please come forward and sit in the front pews, away from the children's corner.

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of each month in church then in the Community Room. Most Sundays there is also a child centered activity in the Community Room during the service.

'First Steps': For under 5s, meets each Monday from 2:30 to 3:15pm (term time only), in the Community Room. With craft activities and songs. Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits/cakes will be available. All welcome. Please contact Monica for further information curate@stmarysgreatshelford.org 01223 630074

St Mary's Toddler Group meets on Thursday mornings in term time in the Community Room between 9.30 and 11.30am, for children aged from 0 to 3 years, with their parents and/or carers. Secure outdoor play occurs if the weather is good. Details from Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com 07548 828477

INTERCESSIONS:

Please refer any pastoral concerns for members of the congregation or members of the local community to

any member of the Ministry team including our Co-ordinator for Pastoral Services- Mrs Frances Simms. Please pray for the sick, frail, housebound and those in care. Please let the priest in charge know about all cases of sickness and others for whom we should pray. Intentions left in the loose leaf book at the back of the North Aisle will be offered each week at the Parish Communion

Cloakroom facilities are available in the Community Room during church services.

Gift Aid Donations We welcome all donations from visitors and there are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of Church. If you pay tax we can reclaim 25p for every pound you donate to the Church at no cost to yourself, if you have completed the declaration on the envelope. For further information, or to join the planned giving scheme, please contact Mrs. J Ann Smith mobile no. 07710 452647; email jannsmith_2@hotmail.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Today - Fifth Sunday of Lent: As we move into the final week of Lent it would be wrong to characterise Lent as a season of gloom. I like to think of it as a chance to take up things, as much as giving things up, in order that we might better serve our neighbours. What we save can then be donated to help others in need (perhaps via the 'Count Your Blessings' Christian Aid initiative). Do please think about what you are going to do as an 'extra' during Lent - perhaps to come along to one of the special Lent activities. I do hope that we all enjoy the coming six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God.

St Andrew's, Stapleford: Simon will be covering both the morning services at St Andrew's this Sun. to enable Simon to get away.

Fr Stephen Anderson: Stephen is today taking up a new role. He is to be **Priest-in-Charge of St Botolph's Cambridge**, which is on Trumpington Street in the centre of Cambridge, opposite the men's outfitters, Ede & Ravenscroft. St Botolph is the patron saint of travellers. Many churches throughout East Anglia (where he lived) are dedicated to him. These usually stand at or close to the old city gates and entrances (as in Cambridge).

Stephen will be licensed by the Bishop of Ely today, Sunday 2nd April at 2:30pm. He very much hopes that as many friends as possible from St Mary's will be able to be present to support him.

The Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 29th July, which several people from St Mary's have expressed an interest in joining, is unaffected and will go ahead as planned.

Commenting on the move, Stephen said: *It is a great privilege under God and not a little humbling to have been selected for this role despite all my inadequacies. The services at St Botolph's Church are predominately from the Prayer Book. There is a match as I am Chair of the Ely Diocese Branch of the Prayer Book Society, of which the PCC agreed recently that St Mary's should become a corporate member. But of course the role is much more than that. Your support and prayers are very much needed. I shall continue to have a great affection for everyone at St Mary's, which has been the cradle where my ministry has been formed, and will always hold your friendship as a Christian family dear to my heart.*

Lent Activities 2017:

Count Your Blessings this Lent with Christian Aid

Celebrate the good things in your life this Lent with a thought-provoking Count Your Blessings calendar. This Lent, reflect each day on the blessings in your life and join in giving thanks. Be inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities in need. Enjoy Count Your Blessings as a personal journey or share it with family or friends. Leaflets available for both adults and children at the back of church today.

Lent Breakfast

The final Lent breakfast takes place on Sun. 9th April at 8:45am in the Community Room. This gives an opportunity for those who attend the 8.00am service and those who can arrive early for the 10.00am service to share fellowship over breakfast. A small donation will be asked and all are most welcome to the services and breakfast. Many thanks to those that have enabled these breakfasts to happen.

Lent Course - ' All Loves Excelling '

The Lent group had its inaugural session on 7 March with about a dozen people at the meeting. We discussed God's love for us and how it can sustain us in our every day lives - and Paul's prayer that we should all experience that love. We continue to follow the Diocese of Ely Lent course entitled 'All Loves Excelling',

studying the letter to the Philippians.

Please note, the remaining Lent groups meeting on April 4th will take place at 84 High Street. Many thanks to Doreen for her hospitality. We shall be studying Philippians Chapters 3 and 4. All welcome. Starts at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome. Do bring your bible with you.

Lent Lunches

The local churches are hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities on Fridays, 12 noon -2 pm: **7th April**, at Gt. Shelford Free Church.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins and we start our journey towards Easter by marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Golden Palm crosses will be available, but we are also inviting you to bring along green or flowering shrub branches to carry in the Parish Communion procession. This is a long tradition in mainland Europe and is in effect our 'local' spring palms.

During Holy Week we shall be offering services every evening – please see leaflet – and a special Family Service in the morning of Good Friday, as well as an afternoon devotion.

On Wednesday in Holy Week, we will have a Christian Passover celebration at 7. 30 p.m. in the Community Room. This will require a ticket (£2 each - **please sign up today**) to cover costs and is limited to 30 people. The celebration will help us to understand how our Christian Eucharist developed out of the 'Last Supper' Jesus celebrated the night before his death.

Holy Week & Easter Services: Leaflets are available at the back of church explaining our services for Holy Week and Easter. Please take one home and also distribute to neighbours.

South Sudan appeal: As some of you may have missed the sweetie jar at the back of the church for donations for South Sudan, Somalia etc. it will be out again until the end of the Palm Sunday services. Many thanks for the generous support already received, the donations have been sent to Christian Aid's appeal for the Crisis in South Sudan.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place **today**. The most urgently needed foods at the moment are - tinned meat (for eating hot e.g. chicken in sauce, hot dogs); tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, green beans, sweet corn, mixed); milk - 1 litre or .05 litre long life); pasta sauce - jars; rice pudding - tins; breakfast tea bags; small jars instant coffee; 500 ml cooking oil; 500g granulated sugar; long life sponge puddings. Easter eggs would also be appreciated this month.

Girlguiding: - Rowan would like to thank everyone who bought her cakes at her recent sale. The total raised was £68.50 and this means Rowan has now raised a total of £600 for her Girlguiding trip.'

Electoral Roll Revision: It is the time of year when we need to revise the church Electoral Roll. Please check that your details are correct on the list at the back of church and let me know if they need to be updated. If your name is not on the list, please take a form from the back of the church and return it to me when it is completed. The revision closes **today**. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings).

Centering Prayer: An Introductory Workshop will take place on Saturday 22nd April from 10. 00 a.m. to 4. 00 p.m. at St. James' Study Centre, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge. Please see notice for further details or email www.contemplativeoutreach.org.uk

Alms Giving 2017: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in April will be going to the Leprosy Mission. Alms can be gift aided provided your giving is in an envelope marked 'Alms' and with your PIN. Alms not in envelopes should be placed in the alms bowl as you come into church. This stands on the offertory box at the back of church, near the back pew.

Today

18:30 Evensong

Wednesday 5th April, 2017

09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 9th April, 2017

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion

18:30 Evensong

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator

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