

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 23rd April, 2017 – The Second Sunday of Easter
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 103	Gradual: 66
Offertory: 352	Communion: 310
Final: 113	

Gloria:

Glory be to God in heaven,
Songs of joy and thanks we bring,
Thankful hearts and voices raising,
To creation's Lord we sing:
Praise him. Praise him, Alleluia,
Glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
Bore the weight of this world's sin,
Only Son of God the Father,
You have brought us peace within:
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God, are holy,
You we praise with one accord;
None in heaven or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord -
With the Father, and the Spirit,
Ever worshipped and adored.

*Words Edwin Le Grice
Tune Praise my Soul*

Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that
we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 ever reigning
Filling all the universe with glory power and light;
Blest is our Redeemer, sent from God to save us,
Hail and hosanna! Glory in the height! Amen.

Words - Michael Forster Music "Nicaea" J.B. Dykes

Agnus Dei:

Jesus lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus Bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus Redeemer of the World: give us your Peace.

Shepherd

First Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1. 3 - 9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20. 19 - 31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. 'When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Baptised today: Please pray for Stanley Coe, who is being Baptised today, and parents Jonathan & Gemma (who live in Longstanton, but were married at St Mary's), together with their Godparents.

Easter Season: The Easter season continues for the next six weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 15th May. We shall transfer Ascension Day to the nearest Sun., 28th May.

Holy Week & Easter Thanks: A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way to preparing for the services in Holy Week & Easter. Many individuals and groups have put in lots of extra time to plan and contribute to the worship and other activities; their efforts are very greatly appreciated. Well done to all!

Christian Aid Lent appeal - 'Count Your Blessings': If you have participated in the Lent appeal this year, please put your filled Count Your Blessings envelopes in the normal Sun. collection and we will ensure that they are sent to Christian Aid.

Christian Aid Appeal: Over recent weeks we have sent a total of £530 to Christian Aid's South Sudan Crisis Appeal. £350 was collected in the 'sweetie jar', £130 was raised at the Lent Lunch and £50 from the Lent Breakfasts. Also during Lent, £108 was raised for Church funds from the sales of hand-made Easter Cards and Easter Chicks. Thank you to everyone for supporting these causes.

CONNECT is a new monthly youth service seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other...and with God! Launching on April 23rd, CONNECT is a really exciting new initiative brought about with the help of a small group of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer. Over the coming months we will be looking at some of the stories Jesus told, hoping to unravel four of his parables and exploring together what these well-known – and sometimes not so well-known - stories can really mean to us today. We will be meeting at St Andrew Stapleford on the **4th Sunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. The dates for your diary are: 23rd April, 28th May, 25th June and 23rd July – so be sure not to miss out!

This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of, too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join together. Let's CONNECT.

For more information or to get involved, please email: connectservice.cambs@gmail.com or jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

Fourth Sun. Evensong: Evensong today will take place at St Mary's as normal at 6.30pm. These arrangements will not be affected by the launch of the new Connect service at Stapleford. However, it would be good if people felt that they could support Connect, especially in these early stages; the service is planned for young people and adults worshipping together.

Stations of the Cross paintings: These were painted by Eleanor Ferguson, a postgraduate student at Newnham College. Eleanor is studying Engineering, she is not a professional artist. In order to paint these wonderful images for us she came to visit and get to know our Church last November. She has spent many hours painting these images. It would be wonderful if we could raise donations that would go to Eleanor in appreciation for her time and materials. There will be a plate at the back of Church for any donations, otherwise please pass donations to Dianne.

Sarah Murray (Gus and Theo's mum) is running the London marathon today. She is raising money for Bliss, the charity supporting babies born prematurely and their families. Sponsorship forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Sun. 30th Apr. after the Parish Communion in the Community Room. Formal notices for the APCM have been posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC & Deanery Synod members will be available today at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year (inc. currently PCC members please) will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please.

The relevant paperwork for this meeting will be available **today**, at the back of the church. Please ensure that you collect and read the papers and **BRING THEM** with you on 30th April. For PCC members whose email addresses are known, the relevant papers will be sent electronically. Copies of the full financial statement and restoration accounts will also be available for reading and return at the back of church.

An '**Apologies for Absence**' list is available for people to sign, if they are unable to attend the meeting.

The **Electoral Roll** is now closed. Only members whose names are listed on it can vote at the APCM. It will be open again after the APCM. Wendy Seekings

The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church has its **Annual General Meeting** in the Community Room on **Tuesday 9 May at 7.30 pm**. After the AGM our Church Architect, **Brian Page**, will present a short illustrated Talk entitled '**Refurbishing the Roofs at St Mary's**'. This will be an excellent opportunity to see and hear about the recent extensive work on our ancient roofs. Whether or not you are a member of the Friends, do please come.

Leicester Cathedral Visit: Mary and I undertook a 'scoping' visit to Leicester late last week and saw the tomb of King Richard III in the Cathedral and the fine visitors centre which explains how the King's remains were discovered and authenticated. We are now looking at dates to make a parish visit possible in the early summer. More details soon.....

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 26th April, 2017	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 30th April, 2017	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 Parish Communion 18:30 Evensong
Priest in charge: The Rev'd Simon Talbott	simon@thetalbotts.co.uk 01223 847068
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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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