

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 14th May, 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10.00 Parish Communion

**Hymns**

Opening: To God be the glory	Gradual: 419
Offertory: 477	Communion: 292
Final: 364	

**Hymn: To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Refrain**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. ... *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. ... *Refrain*

**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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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*

**8:00 Holy Communion      10:00 Parish Communion**

**First Reading: Acts 7. 55 - 60**

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2. 2 - 10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**Gospel: John 14. 1 - 14**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is

in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, or you can write your prayer intention on one of the tags provided, and hang it on the prayer tree at the back of church.

**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](mailto:jannsmith_2@hotmail.com)

## **ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**Easter Season:** The Easter season continues for the next two weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> June. We shall transfer Ascension Day to the nearest Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Marriage Banns:** Please pray for Leigh Smart & Anita Constant, Nathan Bing & Sophie Plaskassovitis and Alexander Trick & Harriet Smith whose Banns are being read from 7<sup>th</sup> May, as they prepare for their marriages later in the summer.

**Vacancy Cover:** I will be presiding at Hildersham this weekend.

**Pilgrim house group:** The Pilgrim house group restarted on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm. We continue with Living Faithfully by John Pritchard. All welcome. Do bring your bible.

**Great & Little Shelford Primary School Ascension Service: Ascension Day Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am:** In the Parish Church - all are welcome, but do arrive slightly early to ensure you get a seat.

**Ascension Day 25<sup>th</sup> May - Deanery Eucharist 7.30pm:** Parishes from the Deanery of Granta are invited to gather together for the annual Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist, this year hosted by St Andrew's, Stapleford on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** The organizers send their thanks for the donations received from our collection last week.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):** Congratulations to Stella Nettleton and Dianne Fraser who were elected to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. A very sincere 'thank you' to Norma Coggins and Ann Smith who have retired from the PCC after long service.

**General Election 2017:** Archbishops highlight the central place of faith in British life: Faith has a central role to play in politics and this general election, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York say in a statement issued last weekend.

In a pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urge people to set aside "apathy and cynicism" and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of "love, trust and hope".

The three-page letter, intended to be shared in churches from this Sunday onward, encourages voters to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage as well as a concern for future generations and God's creation as they make their decisions.

Following divisions of recent years, it calls for reconciliation drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability. Copies of the full pastoral letter are available for you to take away from the back of church.

**General Election Hustings 2017 - Memorial Hall, Great Shelford Tue. 16th May at 7.30pm:** Great Shelford Parish Council invites you to meet and question the candidates for MP for South Cambridgeshire in the election on Thurs 8th June. Confirmed attendees (at 8 May):

Heidi Allen – Conservative•

Dan Greef – Labour•

Susan van de Ven – Liberal Democrat•

Simon Sagers - Green•

For more information please contact Mike Nettleton 01223 721366/07905 356468. An agenda for the evening will be published on the Parish Council website: <http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.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 May will be going to Wintercomfort. 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 17th May, 2017**

**09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 21st May, 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

**14/05/17**