

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 21st May, 2017 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10.00 Parish Communion**

Hymns

Opening: 106	Gradual: 143
Offertory: 265	Communion: 307
Final: 114	

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:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 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 17. 22 – 31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3. 13 - end

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: John 14. 15 - 21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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 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, 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

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Easter Season: The Easter season continues for a further two weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 4th June. We shall keep **Ascension Day** on the nearest Sunday to the feast, Sun. 28th 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 7th May, as they prepare for their marriages later in the summer.

The Pilgrim house group continues on Tuesday evenings with the next session at Doreen's house on 23rd May when we shall be talking about 'Loving the Planet' and the following session is on 30th May at Anne's house on 'Living in an online world'. We meet at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Christian Aid Week - 15th - 21st May: Although we no longer do a house to house collection, envelopes are available in the pews for our own donations. Feel free to take extra ones for anyone else you know who might like to contribute. Envelopes can be put in the Offertory collection today or next Sunday, or they can be sent direct to Christian Aid. Please gift aid your donation if possible.

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

Ascension Day 25th 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 25th May at 7.30pm.

Thy Kingdom Come: Last year, a "wave of prayer" between Ascension and Pentecost was initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; this rapidly became an international and ecumenical event, and is being repeated this year. The aims are:

- To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father.
- To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit.
- To be effective witnesses to God the Son.

We at St Mary's will be participating this year with a Day of Prayer on Saturday 3rd June; you are invited to come along, and hopefully bring others, at any time during the day. The church will be open, and attended, from 8am to 8pm. You can pray in any way that you feel comfortable with, and there will be activities available to encourage people to pray using approaches they may not have tried before. (There is a rota of times at the back of church; please put your name down if you are willing to be there for half an hour, or more if you like, to welcome others on the day.)

General Election 2017: 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, 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.

Leicester Cathedral Visit: We have agreed a date for our planned visit to Leicester Cathedral - **Fri. 23rd June**. Final details and costings are being worked out, but we hope to leave Great Shelford at 9am, arriving at the Cathedral by around 11.30; we will have a personally guided tour of the Cathedral focusing in particular on the tomb of Richard III and the events surrounding his interment. There will be an opportunity to have lunch and then in the afternoon we will have another guided tour of the Richard III centre (opposite the Cathedral). This fascinating exhibition explores the story of Richard's life, death and burial. It also explains how the remains were discovered and identified. The exhibition is housed in the building in front of the site of the famous car park where Richard's remains were discovered and it contains the location of the original burial. We would plan to be back in Great Shelford by 6.30pm. Mary and I visited just before Easter and we had a most enjoyable day. We are sure that you will enjoy the day being planned.

Visiting preacher: On Sunday 25th June, the Reverend Dr. Rodney Holder of the Faraday Institute of Science and Religion will be here to preach for us on 'Science and Faith'. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from him, his sermon will be based on selected readings not the lectionary.

Alms Giving 2017: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms on this Sunday only will be donated to Christian Aid, and for the remaining Sunday in May 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 24th May, 2017	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 28th May, 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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