

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 9th July, 2017 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8. 00 Holy Communion

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Zechariah 9. 9 - 12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading: Romans 7. 15 - 25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 11. 16 - 19, 25 - 30

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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. Ann Smith, mobile no. 07710 452647; email, jannsmith_2@hotmail.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Today: Community Worship for the start of Shelford Feast week - 10am: St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church will gather together this morning in the Feast marquee to host a joint community service for the start of Feast week. The Parish Communion at St Mary's today is **cancelled** (other services remain the same). The service is **open to all**, so please do come along and bring your friends!

Monica update: Monica is back at home after another spell in hospital and will remain off for a few weeks. Monica thanks everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers send their thanks for the donations sent from our parish last week, which are always greatly appreciated.

The Pilgrim house group: We have now completed our book Living Faithfully which we all enjoyed and could easily read again as there is much to discuss.

For the summer, we agreed to carry on, but just use the gospel from the previous Sunday as our focus. So bring your pew sheet - which is on the St Marys web site if you don't go on Sunday. [Home - St Mary the Virgin](#) No one is leading it specifically but hopefully we can read the gospel and discuss it and the sermon! Takes notes as you listen.

We will finish with prayer.

We will stick with Tuesdays.

No venues confirmed at the moment - but any offers to host much appreciated.

Please send an email to me on anneroberts2020@yahoo.co.uk for the venue or for any information. Or phone 07745562702.

General Synod: I am attending the Group of Sessions of General Synod which is being held at York University from Fri. 7th - Mon. 10th July. We began with two very full days of Synodical business, much of it focused on scrutiny of legislation which should help to simplify our structures and decision-making. The Synod will also be considering the ramifications of the recent terrorist attacks and the uncertainty created by the General Election..

Could I please ask your prayers for all of us as we engage in these important conversations; for openness to the Spirit and for grace to hear the views of others with respect and compassion.

Marriage this week: Please remember Nathan Bing & Sophie Plaskassovitis as they celebrate their marriage at St Mary's on Friday.

Churchyard: Our two dedicated gardeners, Wendy and Yvonne, would be very grateful to receive some help. If you could manage to find the odd 20 minutes or so from time to time do please let them know.

Shelford Feast: Please see the local posters / website for the various events taking place every evening during Feast week, starts on Mon. 10th July. The Feast itself is on Sun. 16th. Proceeds from the Feast all help local causes!

St Mary's will be hosting a **Summer Music Concert on Fri. 14th at 7.30pm**. An evening of relaxing music by Adhoc Strings. £10 adults incl concessions. Children free. Ticket price includes cheese and wine.

Finding Quiet: A day in Ely Cathedral finding stillness and silence in a noisy world. Saturday 29th July from 10 - 3 led by the Bishop of Huntingdon The cost will be £10. Application forms available from receptionist@elycathedral.org or phone 01353 660300.

Alms Giving 2017: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in July will be going to SSSI. We have just sent £102 to the Grenfell Fire Tragedy. 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 12th July 2017	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th July, 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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