

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 30th July, 2017 – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity  
10.00 Parish Communion

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: 238</b>	<b>Gradual: 482</b>
<b>Offertory: 333</b>	<b>Communion: 282</b>
<b>Final: 336</b>	

**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: George Martin "St. Helen"*

**Collect:**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*David Thorne*

**Agnus Dei:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*David Thorne*

**First Reading: 1 Kings 3. 5 - 12**

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

**Second Reading: Romans 8. 26 - 39**

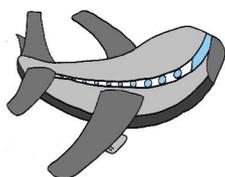
The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel: Matthew 13. 31 - 33, 44 - 52**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



**Hello Children** Mary Mouse jetted off for a holiday in Italy on last week. She hopes that you enjoy a happy summer break and looks forward to seeing you again in at Sunday Club in September.

**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 and sit in the front pews, away from the children's corner.

**St Mary's Toddler Group** meet again in September.

#### **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**

**Baptism today:** We have a Baptism at 12 noon today. Please pray for Olivia Weynard, her parents Christopher & Simone, and Godparents, as they prepare for this special occasion.

**Congratulations** to Leigh & Anita Smart who celebrated their marriage yesterday at St Mary's; please remember them today.

**The Pilgrim house group:** The Pilgrim House group will continue to meet in August.

The venues will be

1 Aug	Astra's
8 Aug	Anne's
15 Aug	Jo's
22 Aug	Norma's
29 Aug	No meeting

Please bring the week's gospel from the pew sheet and any news item you wish to discuss.

**Cambridge City Foodbank Collection:** Our monthly collection takes place next Sunday, 6th August. Please do all you can to support the valuable work that the Foodbank undertakes.

**Joint Vicarage Tea Party:** We will be holding a joint Tea Party in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting; if not indoors!) on Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> August, from 3-5pm. Please bring and share food; tea will be provided. This will be a shared event with St Andrew's, Stapleford. Do come along and bring friends and neighbours, to enjoy the garden, meet old friends and make new ones.

**General Synod:** Thank you for your prayers and support over the recent group of sessions. I have put together a brief report for the Diocese; copies are available at the back of church

**Flowers:** If there is anyone who would like to help with the flower arranging in the church, they would be most welcome. We take it in turns and would like to increase the numbers so that we always work with a partner. If this appeals to anybody, please get in touch with Veronica Stower 01223 573392

**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. 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**  
**Wednesday 2nd August 2017**

**18:30 Evensong**  
**09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 6th August 2017**

**08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00 Parish Communion**

**12.00 Baptism**

**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

**30/07/17**