

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 12th November, 2017 – Third Sunday before Advent
08:00 Holy Communion – Remembrance Sunday

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Amos 5. 18 - 24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 - end

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25. 1 - 13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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: Remembrance Sunday 2017: The Great Shelford Remembrance Service will be held at St Mary's this morning (shared with Great Shelford Free Church) at **9.30am**, welcoming many groups from the community, including the members of the Royal British Legion. The service will conclude at around 10.30am to move to the War Memorial in time for a short service starting at approximately 10.50am, including reading of the names of the Fallen, the Silence and laying of wreathes. Great Shelford Free Church will be offering the Silence at the same time for those who are less able and want to avoid standing in the cold.

Robert (Bob) Hennessy RIP: We give thanks today for the life of Bob Hennessy who died at home in Great Shelford last week aged 89. Bob had lived in the village for many years and had been struggling with ill health for the last twelve months. His funeral will take place at St Mary's on Mon. 20th Nov. at 9.30am, followed by burial. As we remember Bob, please support with prayer his widow Sandra and children Sarah and Jay.

Joy Nunn RIP: Joy died peacefully on 27th Oct. in a local care home, aged 87. She had lived in the village for a long period and moved to a care home in recent years. The details of her Memorial Service at St Mary's, following a private family cremation, will be advised once they are confirmed. We give thanks for her life today.

Embroidery Exhibition: Veronica Stower and Sheila Sharrock would like to thank everybody who supported the Embroidery Exhibition on 28th Oct so well; the Flower Fund is now much healthier!

Cambridge City Foodbank Collection: The organizers send their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection made last week.

The Pilgrim house group : Our next 3 meetings are as follows

14 November at 25 Peacocks pp 83-90

21 November at 68 High Street pp 91-98

28 November venue to be confirmed. pp 99-106

We shall be studying chapter 4 of 'Dethroning Mammon', roughly divided up into a third per week - 'What we receive we treat as ours'.

At our last meetings we have discussed valuing acts of kindness and generosity more than material goods and that the way we behave each day, if we embrace that attitude, can be taken as an act of worship. Easier said than done.

We shall not meet in December, but will restart on January 9th 2018.

Please contact Anne on 07745562702 for more information. All welcome.

St Andrew's Day Celebration: We have been warmly invited to the St Andrew's Day celebrations at Stapleford on Thurs. 30th Nov.; Bishop Stephen will be preaching The Eucharist is at 7.30 pm in church, followed by a fish pie supper, also in church. Everyone is welcome, but St Andrew's would be pleased to know who is staying for supper so that they can cater accordingly. Anyone staying for supper needs to bring their own bowl and fork, and something to drink. Please add your name to the list at the back of church.

Annual Toy Collection: Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sun., 4th December. If toys are wrapped, please label age group, boy/girl.

Songs of Praise: We are planning to have a Songs of Praise soon. If you would like to suggest a favourite hymn or one we do not often sing then please fill in the form at the back of the church today, if possible.

Alms Giving 2017: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in November will be going to SSYI. 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 15th November, 2017 **09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

Sunday 22nd November, 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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