

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 19th November, 2017 – The Second Sunday before Advent
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

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| Opening: 398 | Gradual: 129 |
| Offertory: 140 | Communion: 70 |
| Final: 449 | |

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.

John Goss Tune: "Praise my Soul"

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria, gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis, Hosanna in excelsis,
Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,
Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem,
Pacem.**

Settings by Richard Terry Short Mass in

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - 18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: Matthew 25. 14 - 30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 and sit in the front pews, away from the children's corner.

Sunday Club normally meets on the first Sunday of each month in church then to the community room for a story and activities. For details contact Gillian, Gillian.pett29@gmail.com or Joanne, joanne.staines@gmail.com. We are also looking for helpers on an occasional or regular basis.

Toddler group, for children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents/carers, meeting each **Thursday**, 9.30 to 11.30, in the community room during term time. We are looking for people to help on the rota on a regular or occasional basis. If you are interested please contact Gillian, Gillian.pett29@gmail.com

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

Robert (Bob) Hennessy RIP: We give thanks today for the life of Bob Hennessy who died at home in Great Shelford recently 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 family 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 Memorial Service will be on Tuesday 28th Nov. at 14. 30 p.m. at St. Mary's preceded by a private family cremation. 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!

CONNECT is a monthly youth service seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other...and with God! Launched earlier this year, CONNECT is a really exciting new initiative brought about with the help of a small group of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer.

Over the coming months we will be looking at some of the stories Jesus told, hoping to unravel four of his parables and exploring together what these well-known – and sometimes not so well-known - stories can really mean to us today. We will be meeting at St Andrew Stapleford on the **4thSunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together.

The date for your diary is 26th Nov. – so be sure not to miss out! This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of, too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join together. Let's CONNECT.

For more information or to get involved, please email: connectservice.cambs@gmail.com or jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

The Pilgrim house group : Our next 2 meetings are as follows

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.

POSADA – making room for Jesus this Christmas

Don't forget to sign up on the journey rota (on the table at the back of the church) to be hosts for Mary, Joseph and the donkey on their way to Bethlehem. Information sheets are available at the back of the church with a collection box for homeless charities. Information is also available on the church website, following the 'services and events' link, or from Gillian, Gillian.pett29@gmail.com, Monica, curate@stmarysgreatshelford.org or Maureen, d-mdobson@hotmail.co.uk

Annual Toy Collection: Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sun., 3rd December. If toys are wrapped, please label age group, boy/girl.

Advent Sunday: Advent begins on Sun. 3rd Dec. and to mark the start of the season of watching & waiting we will be sharing a special **Advent Evening Service** of music and readings at **6.30pm**. The service is being hosted by St Mary's, and shared with St Andrew's, Stapleford, with both parish choirs joining together for the worship. Do come along.

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.

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| Today | 18:30 Evensong |
| Wednesday 22nd November, 2017 | 09:30 Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday 26th 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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