

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 3rd December, 2017 – The First Sunday of Advent
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 9	Gradual: 14
Offertory: 16	Communion: 297
Final: Christ be our light	

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who 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 C

Christ, be our light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light.
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stones. *Refrain*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 64. 1 - 9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13. 24 - 37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'



Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Advent Sunday: Advent begins today 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.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place today. A list of foods most urgently needed is available at the back of church or on the Foodbank website. Please do all you can to support our final collection before Christmas.

Annual Toy Collection: Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be made today. If toys are wrapped, please label age group, boy/girl.

Christmas Outreach - Thank You: We are joining with the Free Church again this year to distribute Christmas cards throughout the village; these carry the churches' Christmas wishes to every home, and show all the services that will be taking place during Advent and Christmas. Thank you to everyone who took packs of cards for distribution last week.

'Purple for Polio' Crocus Campaign: The Rotary Club of Britain & Ireland has been raising funds to contribute to the global Rotary initiative to eradicate Polio by mass vaccination, by selling purple crocus bulbs to plant in the community. The goal of eradication has nearly been achieved, which is a marvelous effort.

The Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston (I am a member) has been involved with the campaign and has been promoting planting purple crocus bulbs in a number of locations in the Cambridge area. The Club has purchased and donated 300 bulbs to be planted in the churchyard at St Mary's. We are looking for some volunteers to get the bulbs into the ground fairly soon; please speak to the Churchwardens if you could help. I have conveyed our thanks to Club for this donation.

Christingle Service: The annual Christingle Service, in aid of the Children's Society, takes place on **Sun. 10th Dec. at 4.30pm**. This is a very special act of worship, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world. Do come along and bring your children. The **Crib Service** will still be held on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm.

A Traditional Carol Event: Come and join our local musicians to, once again, sing the festive, well-loved carols on **Wed. 20th Dec, 7 - 8.00pm** outside Great Shelford Memorial Hall (inside if wet). Refreshments afterwards. Contributions to Village Warden Scheme. **Musicians** (Brass & Wind) wishing to play in our local

band please contact Chris on 01223 842127.

Vicarage 'Open House': There will be **Open House** at the Vicarage on **Fri. 22nd Dec.** 12noon - 2pm then 6-9pm. Seasonal refreshments promised – all ages welcome.

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

The Pilgrim house group : We had our last meeting on Tuesday before Christmas and will restart on January 9th 2018. We discussed behaving in a humble way and that we should strive to turn the ugly situations of the world into something beautiful by acts of love and kindness. By behaving with humility we become powerful in a way where money has lost its value.

A difficult standard to aspire to.

For the next few weeks, we are not meeting officially, but plan to spend Tuesday evenings praying for each other and the world in our own homes.

Anne 07745562702

Alms Giving 2017: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in December will be going to Leprosy Mission. 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 Advent Evening Service**

Wednesday 6th December, 2017 **09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

Sunday 10th December, 2017
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16:30 Christingle Service
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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