

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 24th December, 2017 - Christmas Eve
23:00 'Midnight' Parish Communion

Monday 25th December, 2017 - Christmas Day
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: Christmas Eve 30 (omit v 7) : Christmas Day 30	Gradual: Christmas Eve 29 : Christmas Day 32
Offertory: Christmas Eve 42 : Christmas Day 24	Communion: Christmas Eve 33 verse 7 only 30 : Christmas Day 28
Final: Christmas Eve 26 : Christmas Day 26	

Gloria:

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**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: Christmas Eve

**Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the
brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the
revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly
glory; 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**

Collect: Christmas Day

**Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this
time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by**

**adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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

23:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Christmas Eve – Isaiah 9. 2 – 7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this

Second Reading: Christmas Eve – Titus 2. 11 - 14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Christmas Day – Isaiah 62. 6 - 12

Thus says the Lord: Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Second Reading: Christmas Day – Titus 3. 4 - 7

When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 2. 1 - 20 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be

registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Post Communion Prayer: Christmas Eve

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer: Christmas Day

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**



Hello Children Is Mary Mouse in church on this very special day?

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 meets again on **Sunday 7th January, 2018** and 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 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. J Ann Smith mobile no. 07710 452647; email jannsmith_2@hotmail.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Christmas & New Year Blessings: On behalf of the whole team at St Mary's, can I wish you every blessing this Christmastide and sincere good wishes for 2018.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to make the Advent and Christmas services special this year. It would not really be fair to single out individuals, but the choir and organist and our vergers deserve a special vote of thanks. Well done to all!

Thank you from the Vicarage: A sincere 'thank you' from Mary and myself for all the cards and good wishes we have received already. Far too many to respond to individually – you are all very generous.

The Tower at St Mary's

A great contribution to the life and worship of the parish comes from all those members of 'The Tower' at St Mary's. In other words the valiant and hard working group of bell ringers who faithfully ring every weekend to praise God and summon those who live around to worship. The Tower are putting extra efforts into the Christmas and New Year season and they deserve our thanks for all the physical effort and skill involved.

Making contact over the holiday period: Monica & I will be taking time off from Boxing Day, returning for duty on Sun. 31st Dec. If you need any pastoral support during that period, please contact the LLM / Readers.

Wednesday Holy Communion: The celebration of Holy Communion on Wed. 27th Dec. is regretfully cancelled. This is due to a lack of celebrants.

RIP: Michael Moule who lived in Great Shelford Parish with his wife Margaret Moule, died peacefully on Monday 18 December. May he rest in peace as we pray for Margaret and the family.

Dedications: Last week we dedicated two items for liturgical use during the Parish Communion. Both items have been anonymously funded and we record our sincere thanks to the donors for these generous gifts in memory of family members. The first item is a specially commissioned Fall or frontal for the legillum, which is used to support books during some of our services; this Fall has been specially made by Shirley Earle and we record our thanks to Shirley for the fine work. The second item is a devotional candle stand to be sited in the Lady Chapel. The PCC agreed to introduce a candle stand and we are most grateful to the donor. The idea is that we can light a candle as a symbol of prayer and intercession. For many people this is a very effective vehicle for their devotion.

The Pilgrim house group : We met for our last meeting before Christmas at the end of November 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

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our next monthly collection will be made on Sunday 7th January, 2018. A list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website.

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Alms Giving 2017: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our alms giving during the year. £225 has been given to the Shelford School Support Fund, £300 to Winter Comfort, £211 to the local Youth Initiative, £210 to USPG and £95 to Arthur Rank. In addition, donations from Sunday morning coffee have totalled £800: £400 has been retained in the PCC account and £400 has been sent to the Malawi Association for Christian Support. The Harvest Lunch was so well supported that, after expenses, we were able to send £200 to the Cambridge City Food Bank. 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

Wednesday 27th December, 2017

**09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
is cancelled**

Sunday 31st December, 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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