

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 31st December, 2017 – The First Sunday of Christmas
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 34	Gradual: Angels from the realms of glory
Offertory: 33	Communion: Silent night
Final: 26	

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:

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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

Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Refrain: Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo,
Glo-----ria in excelsis De-o.*
- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light. *Refrain*
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*
- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear: *Refrain*
- 5 Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain*

Hymn: Silent night! holy night!

- 1 Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
- 3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 61. 10 - 62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Reading: Galatians 4. 4 - 7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2. 15 - 21

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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 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. 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.

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.

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.

Epiphany: Sun. 7th Jan. 2018: A reminder that we will be celebrating the festival of Epiphany on Sun. 7th Jan.

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 monthly collection will be made **next week**, 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	18:30 Evensong
Wednesday 3rd January, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 7th January, 2018	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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