

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 10th December, 2017 – The Second Sunday of Advent
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 5	Gradual: 12
Offertory: 11	Communion: 275
Final: 500	

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1 - 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your

voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3. 8 - 15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel: Mark 1. 1 - 8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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: Advent began last Sunday and we have a new seasonal worship booklet. The three year cycle of Sunday scripture readings also changed to Year B, as we started a new church year. The season itself has a certain penitential flavour, so we omit the Gloria and keep this great song of praise for Christmas itself.

Special services in the evening are planned for the Advent season - please see the poster in the porch.

Christingle Service: The annual Christingle Service, in aid of the Children's Society, takes place **today 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.

Service of Hope: Takes place **today at 6.30pm**. Advent often gets crowded with 'pre-Christmas' messages and themes (when did you see the first Christmas cards?!?), so this reflective act of worship helps to explore the deeper side of waiting in hope.

Great & Little Shelford Primary School Junior Carols by Candlelight Thurs. 14th Dec. at 6pm: In the Parish Church - all are welcome, but do arrive slightly early to ensure you get a seat.

The Revd David Karoon: Please remember David (and Shirley) in your prayers in the coming days as David prepares for his ordination as a priest on Wed. 13th Dec. at 7.30pm at St Mary & St Michael, Trumpington. We will have a card for David available to sign this weekend and a group of us will be attending the service to support David. We plan to invite David to preside and preach at St Mary's in the early New Year.

Joint Men's Fellowship: Next meeting is on Thurs. 14th Dec. at 8pm in The Rose at Stapleford. The speaker will be Anthony Cooper who is going to talk about "Figures in a Landscape. The Geopolitics of the Gospels". Do come along - it's the last meeting of the year.

A short biography of Anthony - After National Service in Berlin and Malaya Anthony qualified as a solicitor. He spent some years in private practice before joining the Government Legal Service, initially in the office of Treasury Solicitor and then as a legal adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry. After he retired he read history and was awarded a PhD in 1997. He wrote a history of the planning of Cambridge "Planners and Preservationists" which was published in 2000. This was based on the records of the Cambridge Preservation Society (now Cambridge Past, Present and Future) in which he has been active since 1991.

Next Sun. 17th Dec. - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols: 6.30pm. followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Parish Church

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: This year the fourth Sunday in Advent is also Christmas Eve. Please note the service of **Holy Communion at 8am** will be for 'Advent 4' and the 10am Parish Communion that day is **cancelled**. Services for **Christmas Eve** begin at 4.30pm with the Crib Service.

Harriet's homemade and decorated Christmas cake ---raffle tickets available from Harriet or Dianne.

Christmas Holy Communion: If you are aware of anyone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion in the pre-Christmas period, please let us know.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers have again expressed their thanks for the donations sent from our collection last week and for our regular support throughout the year. Please pray for the Foodbank organization, the people who carry out the work, and the people it supports.

Annual Toy Collection: Sincere thanks for the generous response to the annual toy collection; the gifts have been delivered to the Salvation Army Cambridge Citadel for distribution this Christmas.

Christmas Services: All the information relating to services over the Christmas period can be found on our website - <http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/> Details are also available in the Dec. edition of Village

News, on posters around the community and on cards available 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

The Pilgrim house group : We had 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

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 received at the Christingle Service today will be donated to the Children's Society. 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	16:30 Christingle Service 18:30 Service of Hope
Wednesday 13th December, 2017	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 17th 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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