

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 7th January, 2018 – The Festival of the Epiphany
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 52	Gradual: 47
Offertory: 49	Communion: 28
Final: 36	

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:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

First Reading: The Epiphany - Isaiah 60. 1 - 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3. 1 - 12

I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1 - 12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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 today 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

Today - Epiphany: A reminder that we are celebrating the festival of Epiphany today, transferred from 6th Jan..

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection will be made today. 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/>

New Year Greetings: On behalf of the whole team at St Mary's, can I wish you every blessing for 2018.

RIP: Michael Moule who lived in Great Shelford Parish with his wife Margaret, died peacefully on Monday 18 December. Michael's funeral takes place tomorrow at the Cambridge City Crematorium at 12 noon. May he rest in peace as we pray for Margaret and the family.

The Pilgrim house group : The Pilgrim House group will be restarting on 9 January at 7.30pm. We are meeting at 70 High Street.

Please read the first 8 pages of chapter 5 'What we give we gain', with some seasonal examples from A Christmas Carol, when we shall be thinking about generosity and abundance.

All welcome. Any questions please call 07745 562702.

I look forward to seeing you there. Anne Roberts

Gt. & Lt. Shelford Primary School - Mrs Alison Evans retirement: It was announced this week that Mrs. Evans will retire as Head Teacher at the end of the summer term this year; Alison has taught in the school for nearly 16 years, 14 of these as Head. She has decided to move to the south-west to be nearer her family and will probably be seeking part-time work as an education consultant. We owe Alison a very deep debt of gratitude for all that she has contributed to the life of the school and the wider community during this long period; there will of course be an opportunity to express our thanks to her later in the school year. Please remember the Governors in prayer as we begin the process to recruit a new Head.

Vacancy at Harston with Hauxton & Newton: The Rev'd Prof Brigid Hadfield announced last Sunday that she will be retiring from Harston with Hauxton & Newton Benefice on 5th April and that her last Sunday will be Easter Day, 1st April. When an appointment is made, Brigid's successor will be my colleague and I will then also become priest in charge of the Benefice, in addition to Great Shelford and Stapleford. This will complete the Deanery Pastoral Plan for this area.

Joint Men's Fellowship: The next meeting is on Thurs. 18th Jan. at 8pm in The Rose at Stapleford. Our meeting will be looking at the predictions for what 2018 might hold for the various continents and hot-spots in the world (e.g. N.Korea). Using a power point presentation we will take a look around the World :- USA / Russia / China / Saudi - Iran tensions /Asia / India / Africa / South America / Europe / U.K. Time permitting we might consider our own New Year's Resolutions - mental, physical and spiritual. Come prepared! Future meetings in early 2018 - 8th Feb and 8th Mar.

Walsingham Day Pilgrimage - Saturday 21st July 2018. Fr Stephen Anderson will again be taking a Day Pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk on Sat. 21st July 2018; if numbers are sufficient,

there will be a coach. Please get in touch with Stephen direct if you'd like to know more or are interested in coming: T: 01223 843859; E: fr.stephen.anderson@googlemail.com

Alms Giving 2017: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our alms giving during last year. £225 was 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 totalled £800: £400 was retained in the PCC account and £400 was 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 January will be going to Wintercomfort. 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 10th January, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 14th January, 2018	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Evensong
Priest in charge: The Rev'd Simon Talbott	simon@thetalbotts.co.uk 01223 847068
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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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