

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 18th February, 2018 – The First Sunday of Lent
10.00 Parish Communion**

Hymns

Opening: 67	Gradual: 407
Offertory: 383	Communion: 307
Final: 74	

Kyrie:

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

Gary Philbrick - A Modal Mass

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Genesis 9. 8 - 17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3. 18 -22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: Mark 1. 9 - 15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 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. The group will meet again **this week**, on February 22nd. 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. If you prefer, you can write your prayer intention on one of the tags provided and hang it on the prayer tree at the back of church, or light a votive candle.

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 - First Sunday of Lent: Lent has started and the flavour of our Sunday worship changes to reflect the penitential character of the season. We omit the Gloria, reserving it for the joy of Eastertide and the Sunday Parish Communion service booklet for Lent chooses prayers which help us to think about where we stand before God. The Prayer Book Holy Communion services will use the full version of the Commandments, again helping us to think about our life and actions.

It would be wrong to characterise Lent as a season of gloom. I like to think of it as a chance to take up things, as much as giving things up, in order that we might better serve our neighbours. What we save can then be donated to help others in need (perhaps via the 'Count Your Blessings' Christian Aid initiative). Do please think about what you are going to do as an 'extra' during Lent - perhaps to come along to one of the special Lent activities. I do hope that we all enjoy the coming six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God.

Lent Activities 2018:

Count Your Blessings this Lent with Christian Aid

Celebrate the good things in your life this Lent with a thought-provoking Count Your Blessings calendar. This Lent, reflect each day on the blessings in your life and join in giving thanks. Be inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities in need. Enjoy Count Your Blessings as a personal journey or share it with family or friends. Leaflets available for both adults and children at the back of church today.

Lent Breakfast

There will be a Lent breakfast on the 11th, 18th and 25th March at 8:45am in the Community Room. This gives an opportunity for those who attend the 8.00am service and those who can arrive early for the 10.00am service to share fellowship over breakfast. A small donation will be asked and all are most welcome to the services and breakfast.

Lent Course - 'Come & see.....'

The Lent Group begins on 19th Feb. and will follow the Diocese of Ely Lent course entitled 'Come & See....' a Lent Course for 2018 –journeying through Lent with St John's Gospel. Five studies take us through the key moments in St John's gospel, starting with John 4, 1-30, the meeting of the Samaritan woman with Jesus at the well. The material is designed to be easy to use, with ideas for prayer activities, led reflections and questions for discussion.

Lent Group Meetings 2018 - 7.30pm Host

Monday 19th Feb -	68 High Street
Tuesday 27 th Feb -	25 Peacocks
6 th Mar. -	70 High Street
13 th Mar. -	43 Hinton Way
20 th Mar. -	84 High Street

Everyone welcome. Do bring your bible with you.

The Pilgrim house group: The group will be meeting with the Lent Study Group for the next five weeks.

Lent Lunches

The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities on Fridays, 12 noon -2 pm: **23rd Feb.** at St.Andrew's, Stapleford (in the Johnson Hall).

General Synod: I will give a verbal update on the Feb. Group of Sessions (which concluded on 10th Feb.) this weekend . Thank you for your prayers and support.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England: The central Church of England Safeguarding Team have produced the following question and answer sheet to help provide parishes with a clearer understanding about the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/Parish%20QA%20Feb%201.pdf>

Printed copies are available at the back of church for those with no internet access. This is a matter that will increasingly receive both national and local attention in the coming weeks.

Confirmation: The Deanery is hosting a celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion in Nov. 2018. All parishes in the Deanery are being invited to prepare and present candidates. If you are an adult or younger person and would like to be Confirmed, please speak to Simon Talbott, Monica Cameron or one of the Churchwardens **as soon as possible**. Once we have an idea of numbers, we can start planning preparation session for later in the year.

Gt & Lt Shelford CoE (VA) Primary School: Could we please ask you all to pray for the school and the governors as the recruitment process begins to find a replacement for Mrs Evans. We hope to be interviewing candidates in the first week of March.

Children's Society collection boxes: Dorothy Doel would like to 'call in' the Children's Society boxes for the annual opening and counting. Could you please bring them to church today. Sincere thanks to those who contribute to this appeal.

Cambridge Week of Guided Prayer, Lent 2018

- Time out
- Explore prayer
- Find God in daily life

25th February - 2nd March - 7, Brookside, Cambridge, CB2 1JE

The week will include a daily meeting of up to 30 minutes at Brookside, at a time convenient to you. For information contact:

- Pauline Davison pj.davison@ntlworld.com
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An ecumenical initiative of the Diocese of Ely Spirituality Group

SSYI Big Breakfast: Saturday 3rd March 8 - 11am, Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

The **Deanery Spring Fair** is on **Saturday 10th March, 10.00 to 12.00 noon** in the **Memorial Hall** Please keep the date free - the Deanery needs our support and this year the money raised is to support the YouthInc initiative. Your efforts will contribute much needed funding for the new youth worker post, and will be match funded, pound-for-pound by the Ely Diocese Mission Fund. We are now collecting items for the stalls. If you can help with books, bottles, gifts, toys, china & glass, home-made cakes & preserves, prizes, etc, please get in touch with Bob or Dorothy Doel (Tel: 843946). Books need to be with them by Sunday 25 February, other items any time ahead of the Fair.

Shelford Twinning Association - Visit to Verneuil 7-10 April: 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Verneuil-en-Halatte and the Shelfords. The French twinning committee are working very hard to make this a memorable occasion for the Shelfordians. Whether or not you are a member of Shelford Twinning Association, you'd be more than welcome to participate in this special exchange. Please see the flyers at the back of church.

Alms Giving 2018: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in February will be going to USPG. 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 21st February, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 25th February, 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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