

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 25th February, 2018 – The Second Sunday of Lent
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 338	Gradual: 339
Offertory: I the Lord of sea and sky	Communion: 382
Final: 420	

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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Offertory Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky.

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Genesis 17. 1 - 7, 15 - 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Second Reading: Romans 4. 13 - 25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be,' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Mark 8. 31 – 38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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. 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 - The Second Sunday of Lent: Lent has started and the flavour of our Sunday worship has changed 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.

Vacancy Service cover: Simon is presiding and preaching at Pampisford this Sunday as the vacancy in the Benefice continues.

Next Sunday: I am delighted that we will be welcoming a guest preacher at the Parish Communion on 4th Mar. Christian Aid's recently appointed Regional Representative, Pam Richardson, will be joining us to share some of the ways that our giving this Lent and on other occasions is helping make a real difference to lives in developing countries.

RIP: Ken Cross, a resident in the Cambridgeshire care home, died peacefully on Wednesday 14 February. His funeral will take place at 12.45pm on 28th February at the Cambridge Crematorium, West Chapel, with the family. This is followed by a thanksgiving service at 2pm here, to which all are invited. We pray for his children Geoff and Clare and their family.

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 began last week and follows 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. 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

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: **2nd March** at Shelford Free Church

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 sessions 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 is in full swing to find a replacement for Mrs Evans. We will be interviewing applicants in the next week.

Children's Society collection boxes: Thank you for returning the Children's Society collection boxes. From the boxes, a couple of donations and the collections at the Christmas Services we were able to donate £900.70 in 2017 to the Society which works to safeguard, defend and protect children and young people through campaigns and the provision of a range of services. If you would like to support this work we have plenty of collection boxes waiting for homes! Thank you Dorothy

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 28th February, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 4th March, 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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Mrs. Stella Nettleton	stella.nettleton@btinternet.com 01223 832290
Readers/Licensed Lay Ministers: Mrs. Maureen Dobson	d-mdobson@hotmail.co.uk 01223 840076
Mr. Nigel Pett	npa.cantab@gmail.com 01223 843278
Parish Administrator: Mrs. Katharin Page	pagekatharin@gmail.com 07710518220
Pastoral Services Co-ordinator Mrs. Frances Simms	francesjsimms47@gmail.com 01223 845895
Children's work contact: Gillian Pett	gillian.pett29@gmail.com

Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator

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