

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 22nd April, 2018 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 205	Gradual: 458
Offertory: 463	Communion: 307
Final: Great is thy faithfulness	

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father, Amen. *Music John Rutter*

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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. *Tune: Rutter*

Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. *Tune: Rutter*

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain***

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Acts 4. 5 – 12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

Second Reading: 1 John 3. 16 - 24

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: John 10. 11 - 18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 forward 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 Seaman mobile no. 07710 452647; email jannsmith_2@hotmail.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Easter Season: The Easter season continues for the next four weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 20th May. We shall transfer Ascension Day to the nearest Sun., 13th May.

George Talbott RIP: My father died very peacefully in his care home near Bury St Edmunds last Sunday morning, 15th April, aged 96. We were with him, having decided to make a visit after I presided at the 8am.

As you may have gathered, things have been very difficult for Dad for nearly two weeks but thankfully in the last three days he was receiving additional nursing support from the District team which meant he was restful and pain free at the end. He led a long and very varied life, serving in the RAF during WW II (in common with several Normandy landings veterans he was recently awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur by the French government) and afterwards as a firefighter for 27 years, then as a hospital porter until he was 70!

We have appreciated your concern, prayers, condolence cards and messages of support in recent days. We have much to be thankful for over the care that Dad received in a splendid care home.

His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Newmarket Catholic Church on Wed. 25th April at 1pm, followed by a private family cremation.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Today, after the Parish Communion in the Community Room. Formal notices for the APCM have been posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC members are available at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please.

The relevant paperwork for the meeting is available at the back of the church. For PCC members whose email addresses are known, the relevant papers have been sent electronically. Copies of the full financial statement and restoration accounts are also available for reading and return at the back of church.

An '**Apologies for Absence**' list is available for people to sign, if they are unable to attend the meeting.

The **Electoral Roll** is now closed. Only members whose names are listed on it can vote at the APCM. It will be open again after the APCM. Wendy Seekings

There will be a **brief** extraordinary meeting of the PCC directly after the APCM in the Community Room.

The Pilgrim house group restarted last week. We are studying a new book - John Pritchard's 'Something More.' as we have enjoyed a previous book by this author and found it relevant and thought provoking. Please contact Anne for details of the next meeting. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, even if you can only manage an occasional meeting. The meeting ends at about 9pm.

Please let me know if you would like me to get you a book. Anne Roberts

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An Evening Recital by Emil Duncumb (Piano) and Karin A. Cuellar Rendon (Violin) at St Mary's Church, **Saturday 28 April 2018** at **7.30 pm**. Emil, like his brother Jadran who performed at St Mary's in 2016, is a highly talented musician of international repute with roots in Great Shelford. Karin is a Bolivian violinist specialising in Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music. The Recital is being sponsored by **The Friends** and will help raise funds for improving our church entrance. Tickets will be available on the door (Adults £15, Under 16s £10). Further details from Bob Doel (843946).

CONNECT is a monthly youth service seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other...and with God! **CONNECT** is a really exciting new initiative brought about with the help of a small group of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer.

We will be meeting at St Andrew Stapleford on the **4th Sunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. The dates for your diary are: **29th Apr.**, 27th May, 24th June & 29th July. – so be sure not to miss out! This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join together. Let's **CONNECT**.

For more information or to get involved, please email: connectservice.cambs@gmail.com or jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

Great and Little Shelford C of E (A) School - Foundation Governor vacancy: There is a vacancy for a Foundation governor to represent St Mary's parish on the governing body. Ideally, it would be good to recruit a volunteer who worshipped at St Mary's and was keen to bring a wider experience into the role of school governance. If you are interested and keen to offer your skills, then please have a conversation with Simon Talbott.

We record our sincere thanks and appreciation to Nick Pett for his over ten year contribution to the Foundation governor role; Nick has decided to stand down and we therefore have a vacancy. Nick would be very happy to have a conversation with anyone who would like to find out more about the role.

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.

Alms Giving 2018: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in April will be going to the 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 25th April, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 29th April, 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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