

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Sunday 27th May, 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8. 00 Holy Communion

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

First Reading: Isaiah 6. 1 - 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Second Reading: Romans 8. 12 - 17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 3. 1 - 17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

10:00 Parish Communion

Opening Hymn 146

Gloria: Hymn 363

Collect:

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All Amen

We remain standing

The first and second readings are omitted

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The Sermon

We remain seated

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Evelyn and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

The congregation responds:

All With the help of God, we will.

Evelyn's parents and godparents stand.

Sarah, Michael and godparents, the Church receives Evelyn with joy and welcomes her today into the Christian family. We trust in God that she will grow in faith; but you must play your part. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

The parents and godparents respond:

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Evelyn begins her journey of faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

The parents and godparents respond:

With the help of God, we will.

God our Father, grant to Michael and Sarah a parent's gifts of wisdom, love and faith; and to the godparents and all who care for Evelyn give grace, that diligently they may fulfil the vows they make this day. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

May almighty God + deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

During the hymn which follows, the baptismal party proceed to the font.

Hymn 159 (verses 1,2,5 and 6)

Praise God who made heaven and earth:

All Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

All Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

All Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

All Saving God, give us life.

+ Bless this water that Evelyn who is to be washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

All Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon Evelyn, bring her to new birth in the household of faith and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Let us affirm our common faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Evelyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Evelyn is anointed with oil of chrism.

Evelyn, may God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace. As you have been raised in Christ to new life in the Spirit, may the Spirit ever guide you and protect you, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing, and, growing in the knowledge and love of God, may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

A prayer for Evelyn

Evelyn, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you

in joy and in sorrow,

to be your guide in life,

and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people

you must explore the way of Jesus

and grow in friendship with God,

in love for his people,

and in serving others.

With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

A Fanfare is played on the organ as the baptismal party return to their places.

The Peace

Children already baptized recently join Evelyn and her family for the peace and welcome.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. Evelyn, we welcome you.

All We welcome you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 373

The service continues with the offertory

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy, God ever reigning,

Filling all the universe with glory, power and light.

Blest is our redeemer, sent from God to save us,

Hail and hosanna, glory in the height.

Amen. Amen. *Tune: Apsley - Alan Wilson*

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. *Shepherd*

Communion Hymn 358



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

Final Hymn 343

At the end of the service

The Dismissal

The ceremony of the giving of the candle takes place after the final blessing

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Certificate of Baptism and a baptismal candle are presented to Evelyn

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Evelyn, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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

Today: We are celebrating the Baptism of Evelyn Creagh during the 10am Parish Communion. Please pray for Evelyn, her parents Sarah and Michael, godparents and family as they prepare for this special celebration.

Christian Aid Week: May 13th - 19th was Christian Aid Week. We no longer collect door to door, but envelopes have been handed out for our own donations and can still be returned **today**. Thank you.

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: **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

Baptism next Sunday: We will be celebrating the Baptism of Henry Otter next Sunday at 12noon.

The Pilgrim house group: We shall be meeting as usual on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and continue with our book 'Something More' by John Pritchard.

Anyone is welcome to attend and it does not matter if you do not have a copy of the book as we re-cap some of the material.

May 29 Chapter 6 25 Peacocks
June 5 Chapter 7 84 High Street
June 12 Chapter 8 68 High Street

The book is encouraging us to appreciate and wonder at the beauty of nature and to allow ourselves to observe stunning vistas and small objects or living things and be soothed and inspired by them. How can we let that happen when we are unwell, worried or upset?

Anne Roberts 07745 562702.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place next week, **Sunday, 3rd June**. All donations are appreciated and a list of the items most urgently needed can be found on the website -

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Parish Copier Replacement: Unfortunately the parish photocopier 'died' just before Holy Week so we have been relying since then on a commercial printer to reproduce our various publications. We have looked carefully at the specification for a replacement copier and the PCC has agreed to authorize the purchase of a new machine. The total cost is just under £4,000 and as this is a non-budgeted item of expenditure we will have to call on reserves to meet the cost.

We have received a generous pledge from an anonymous donor to support the cost of the copier purchase on the basis that they will match any other donations £1 for £1 up to a limit of £2,000.

We have received a donation of £1,000 towards the cost of the copier in memory of John Haybittle; sincere thanks to the family for their gift.

Please consider if you could make a donation of whatever size, so that we can enjoy the fruits of this very generous pledge and reduce the impact on our reserves.

Alms Giving 2018: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in May will be going to Jimmy's Night Shelter. 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 30th May, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 3rd June, 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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