

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 24th June, 2018 – The Birth of John the Baptist
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 444	Gradual: 168
Offertory: For the healing of the nations	Communion: 307
Final: 407	

Gloria: Hymn 363

Collect:

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour, by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching; and, after his example constantly to speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; 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*

Hymn: For the healing of the nations

- 1 For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us, Father, into freedom,
From despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.

**4 You, creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.**

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1 - 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading: Acts 13. 14b - 26

On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Gospel: Luke 1. 57 - 66, 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace, 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 or 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.

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 celebrate the Birth of St John the Baptist, as the festival day falls on a Sun. this year.

A warm welcome to The Rev'd. Julie Norris, who will be presiding at the Parish Communion this morning, enabling Simon to preside at Pampisford. Monica is having a weekend off as part of her holiday entitlement.

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 this afternoon at 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 July.** (fourth Sun. of each month) – 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

The Rev'd Monica Cameron - new appointment: On 10th June we were delighted to announce that The Bishop of Rochester has offered Monica the post of Incumbent of the Benefice of Christ Church Erith, which she has accepted. Monica plans to move to Erith in August and her last Sunday here will be 29 July. We will be holding a reception after the Parish Communion so that we can thank Monica and celebrate her time with us.

Monica's collation as incumbent will be on Saturday 22nd September at 3.30pm. The Bishop deliberately chose a Saturday so that anyone who would like to and is able to make the journey can be there to support her. We hope to run a coach to help make that possible.

I am absolutely delighted for Monica and her family. Monica says: "Please continue to pray for me and my family as we prepare to move, as I will continue to pray for everyone here and for the wider community."

Christian Aid Week Collection: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's collection, which raised a total of £1,360. A very good total and up on last year - well done all!

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 can share and each week is self-contained.

June 26 Chapter 10 52 Hinton Way
July 3 Chapter 11 70 High Street
July 10 No meeting as Feast Week
Anne Roberts 07745 562702

Way of Life: Sat. 30th June 2-4pm - Community Room over tea and cakes

You are invited to join in a discussion to explore ideas about how and when we can meet during the day, once a week, to grow together in fellowship and support each other. If you would like more information, please contact: Priest-in-Charge, Simon Talbott simon@thetalbotts.co.uk or Assistant Curate, Monica Cameron monicacameron45@gmail.com

Cambridge City Foodbank Collection: Our monthly collection takes place next week, **1st July**. Please do all you can to support the work of the Foodbank. All contributions are welcomed and information on items most urgently needed can be found on their website.

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

Community Worship for the start of Shelford Feast week - Sun. 8th July 10am: St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church will gather together in the Feast marquee to host a joint community service for the start of Feast week. The Parish Communion at St Mary's that morning is **cancelled** (other services remain the same that day). The service is **open to all**, so please do come along and bring your friends!

Shelford Feast: Please see the local posters / website for the various events taking place every evening during Feast week, starting on Mon. 9th July. The Feast itself is on Sun. 15th. Proceeds from the Feast all help local causes!

There is a **Quiz Evening on Thurs. 12th:** it would be good to put together a team (eight members) from St Mary's, so if you would like to join in, please do let Stella Nettleton know before the evening. Tickets £12 inc. food. Mary Talbott will be coordinating the team on the night (Simon will be attending a meeting of Bishop's Council in Ely!).

St Mary's will be hosting a **Summer Music Concert on Fri. 13th at 7.30pm**. An evening of relaxing music by Prime Brass. £10 adults incl concessions. Children free. Ticket price includes cheese and wine.

Parish copier replacement: Sincere thanks to all those who responded to the appeal for funds to help with the cost of purchasing the new copier. I am delighted that a total of *£3,400 has been received*, half of this from one anonymous donor as promised. This very nearly matches the cost of the copier (just short of £4,000).

Faculty Notice: The Faculty notice for the 'laying up' of the local Royal British Legion branch standard in the Lady Chapel is on display in the porch. The details of the proposals are available for inspection at the rear of the 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 June 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 27th June, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 1st July, 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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