

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 8th July, 2018 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
8. 00 Holy Communion

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Ezekiel 2. 1 - 5

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mark 6. 1 - 13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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: Community worship for the start of Shelford Feast week - 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 is **cancelled** this morning (other services remain the same). The service is **open to all**, so please do come along and bring your friends.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers have asked for their thanks to be expressed to everyone who contributed to the collection sent from our Parish last week. Our next collection will be made on Sunday 5th August.

Congratulations to Deok & Jungmi Jang Leigh who celebrated their Marriage at St Mary's on Thurs. 5th July.

General Synod: I am currently attending the Group of Sessions of General Synod at York University from Fri. 6th - Tue. 10th July.

Synod has a very full agenda and will be covering the challenging topic of Safeguarding, in the light of the current national enquiry. We will also have debates on the ethics of nuclear weapons, climate change, and the governance of Cathedrals.

Could I please ask your prayers for all of us as we engage in these important conversations; for openness to the Spirit and for grace to hear the views of others with respect and compassion.

The Pilgrim house group: July 10th - There is no meeting of the group due to the Feast Week
Anne Roberts 07745 562702

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.

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.

The Way of Life: This is an initiative from the Diocese, to encourage us to reflect on our Christian journey, to offer opportunities to explore aspects of faith together with others, and hopefully to help our personal faith to deepen and grow as we seek to follow The Way. Our introductory meeting last Saturday was attended by over 20 people, and various thoughts and suggestions were discussed in an open and positive spirit. Most of those present filled in a form to help in planning the time, frequency, duration and most importantly the focus of our first few meetings. The feeling so far seems to be in favour of a less formal approach, with the leader of each session choosing as a starting point something which speaks to them; eg, a poem, artwork, piece of music or an aspect of personal experience or interest. More copies of the form are available at the back of church; do please fill one in if you haven't already, and return it to Maureen, Dianne or Stella by 15th July.

Joint Taizé Service: St Andrew's Stapleford is hosting a shared Taizé service on **Sunday 15th July** at 6.30pm. There will be no evening service at St Mary's that day, but lifts will be available for anyone who would like to attend the service at Stapleford. Please speak to the Churchwardens.

Walsingham Pilgrimage : Saturday 21st July. Thank you to everyone who responded to my notice earlier in the year about coming on the day pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 21st July. We travel by coach (or independently if you wish) to the small village of Walsingham deep in the Norfolk countryside for a day of

worship, prayer and spiritual nourishment in this mystical, historic place, with its ruined abbey and priory, the scene of pilgrimages by monarchs and ordinary people alike through the ages. We visit the Anglican shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its splendid grounds. We make time in our busy lives for God and find in this thin place, where the gap between heaven and earth seems narrow, refreshment, healing and peace.

I shall be in touch directly with those who have expressed interest in coming previously. However, there are still some places left, so if you'd like to come, please get in touch with me.

A coach (with toilet) leaves central Cambridge at 9am and picks up en route, including the Milton Park and Ride at about 9:15am. We are usually back a little before 7pm. Fr Stephen Anderson Tel: 01223 843859

Email: fr.stephen.anderson@googlemail.com <<http://googlemail.com>>

Diocesan Annual Report: You can download a copy of the Diocesan Annual Report (2017) at - <http://www.elydiocese.org/article?id=2371>

Gt & Lt Shelford Primary School Retirements: The school will be saying 'farewell' to three very long serving members of staff at the end of this term - Mrs Evans as Head Teacher, Mrs Jenkins as Reception class teacher and Mr Paduano as Year 6 class teacher. All three colleagues have served the school for just over fifty years combined, which is a considerable contribution. If you wish to make a contribution to the retirement presentation fund, then please do this through the school PTA - details on the school website.

Alms Giving 2018: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in July will be going to SSI. 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 11th July, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 15th July, 2018	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Joint Taizé Service at St. Andrew's Stapleford
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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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