

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 2nd December 2018 – The First Sunday of Advent
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns:

Opening: 3	Gradual: 15
Offertory: 14	Communion: 297 Kum ba yah, my Lord
Final: 9	

Kyrie eleison:

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria, gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,
Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem,
Pacem.

Settings by Richard Terry; Short Mass in C

Hymn: Kum ba yah, my Lord

- 1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah,
O Lord, Kum ba yah.
- 2 Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah,
O Lord, Kum ba yah.

3 Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah,
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah,
Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah,
O Lord, Kum ba yah.

4 Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah,
Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah,
O Lord, Kum ba yah.

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - 13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel: Luke 21. 25 - 36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Sunday Club: Where is Mary Mouse hiding today?

Sunday Club meets today. For details contact Gillian, gillian.pett29@gmail.com

We are looking for helpers on an occasional or regular basis.

Toddler group: for babies and toddlers with their parent(s) or carer, meets on Thursdays from 9.30 to 11.00 during term time, in the Community Room

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 juliet.a.seaman@outlook.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Advent Sunday: Advent begins **today**. and to mark the start of the season of watching & waiting we will be sharing a special **Advent Evening Service** of music and readings at **6pm**. The service is being hosted by St. Andrew's, Stapleford, with both parish choirs joining together for the worship. Do come along.

Cambridge City Foodbank: A reminder that our monthly collection takes place **today**, and is our last church collection before Christmas. Please do all you can to support the work of the Foodbank at this special time of year, which is so difficult for many families. All donations are appreciated and a list of foods and toiletries most urgently needed can be found on the website - <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Annual Toy Collection: Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army takes place **today**. If toys are wrapped, please label with age group, boy/girl.

Village Christmas Lights: Great Shelford Christmas Lights ' Switch-On ' & Shelford Primary School Grand Christmas Fair - **today**, 4 - 7pm at the Memorial Hall. Switch-on by head boy and head girl of Shelford School. School choir - Brass Band - Christmas Market stalls - Refreshments available.

POSADA – making room for Jesus this Christmas. Don't forget to sign up on the journey rota (on the table at the back of the church) to be hosts for Mary, Joseph and the donkey on their way to Bethlehem. Information sheets are available at the back of the church with a collection box for homeless charities. Information is also available on the church website, following the 'services and events' link, or from Gillian, gillian.pett29@gmail.com, or Maureen, 01223 840076

Christmas Outreach: We are joining with the Free Church again this year to distribute Christmas cards throughout the village; these carry the churches' Christmas wishes to every home, and show all the services that will be taking place during the Christmas period. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you could help with the distribution.

Service of Hope - Sun. 9th Dec. at 6.30pm: Advent often gets crowded with 'pre-Christmas' messages and themes (when did you see the first Christmas cards?!?), so this reflective act of worship helps to explore the deeper side of waiting in hope.

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - Sun. 16th Dec.: 6.30pm. followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the Parish Church.

A Traditional Carol Event: Come and join our local musicians to, once again, sing the festive, well-loved carols on **Wed. 19th Dec, 7 - 8pm** outside Great Shelford Memorial Hall (inside if wet). Refreshments afterwards. Contributions to Village Warden Scheme. **Musicians** (Brass & Wind) wishing to play in our local band please contact Chris on 01223 842127.

Vicarage 'Open House': There will be **Open House** at the Vicarage on **Fri. 21st Dec.** 12noon - 2pm then 6-9pm. Seasonal refreshments promised – all ages welcome.

The Very Greatest Journey Nativity - Sun. 23rd Dec. at 4pm:, A special service for families and children. No Christingle service this year, but a Pop-Up Nativity, **The Very Greatest Journey**, for all ages, but especially children. No rehearsals needed but everyone is welcome, dressed up or not, as a Nativity character, e.g. shepherd, donkey, sheep, Mary etc. We will be telling the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus with carols, pictures and your participation. Collection in aid of The Children's

Society.

Christmas Services: All the information relating to services over the Christmas period can be found on our website - <http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/> Details are also available in the Dec. edition of Village News, on posters around the community and on cards available at the back of church.

The Pilgrim house group: We shall be meeting as usual on Tuesday at 7.30pm and continue with our book 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dec 4 Start Chapter 3 84 High Street

We have talked about faith and that it should be a presence that 'does not let you go'. We in turn should be dependable people ourselves to the lost, the suffering and the marginal, and this is how we begin to show what it is to have faith. It's tough being a disciple. Anne Roberts 07745 562702

Care-full to the end: All Saints, Little Shelford, are hosting two talks for the Church and for older people by the Pilgrims' Friend Society (www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk) on Sat 8th Dec, 10am-12.30pm (after refreshments at 9.30am). The first talk is entitled "Empowering and Engaging Seniors", and the second "Hope in Dementia". Please contact office@allsaintslittleshelford.org if you would like to attend.

The Way of Life: Our November meeting was led by Dr Ruth Bancewicz from the Faraday Institute, addressing the preconception held by many people that science and religion are mutually exclusive. In a very interesting presentation, Ruth pointed out that the earliest scientists started from the theological standpoint of trying to explore, understand and therefore better appreciate the wonder of creation, and to glorify God thereby; and that the many leading scientists today who are also Christians likewise find that their work strengthens their faith. Our next meeting will be on the last Wednesday in January.

Wednesday HC cancelled: There will be no service of Holy Communion this Wed.

Gift Day update: Delighted to report that additional donations have been received in response to the Gift Day appeal. The total now stands at **£6,724**. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The Rev'd Nicola Bown - Second Curacy appointment: I am delighted to announce that Nicola Bown will be joining the ministry team from 14th Jan. 2019 for a short second curacy until summer 2019 (in effect until she moves to a first post of responsibility). Nicola is currently assistant curate in the Linton Group and lives in Linton with her family. She will be full time with us and will commute daily; we are finding her a working base in the community so she has a base locally. Nicola is coming to the end of her curacy period, having been ordained priest in 2016. I hope that you will have a chance to meet Nicola informally before she begins ministry here.

Alms Giving 2018: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in December will be going to Mission to Seafarers. 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 18:00 Joint Advent Service at
St. Andrew's, Stapleford

Monday to Friday 09:00 Morning Prayer
18:00 Evening Prayer

(Wednesday 5th December, 2018 09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Cancelled this week)

Sunday 9th December, 2018 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Service of Hope

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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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