# **Parish of St Mary the Virgin**

**Great Shelford**

## Parish Communion & Baptism

## Second Sunday of Easter

## 27 April 2025



**Baptism of**

**Imogen Emma Mary Mann**

**Parents**

**Alice Louise Mann**

**Timothy Peter Mann**

**Godparents**

**Katherine Elizabeth Winter**

**Emily Jane Kenyon**

**Siobhan Cordelia Smith**

Welcome to St Mary’s, and to the service today.

If you would like to get to know us better, please talk to one of the clergy or Sidespersons.

If you would like a clergy visit,

please let us know.

**THE GATHERING**

#### Please stand to sing

### THE OPENING HYMN 285: For the beauty of the earth

1 **For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,**

**For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2 For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,**

**Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain’s delight,**

**For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,**

**Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**5 For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,**

**Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**6 For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,**

**Offering up on every shore this pure sacrifice of love:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**THE GREETING**

#### The president says

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**All he has given us new life and hope**

**by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The president greets the people

## Grace, mercy and peace

## from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

All and also with you.

The Welcoming

Welcome to everyone and especially Alice and Tim the parents of Imogen who is to be baptised today and all their family and friends.

**The Baptismal Promises are made.**

#### A minister invites Imogen with her parents Alice and Tim and her Godparents to stand by the Paschal Candle.

Today we remember our own baptism as we share in the baptism of Imogen.

#### The minister says to everyone

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Do not stop them’.

We thank God for Imogen who has come to be baptised today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

**All We do.**

Will you support Imogen as she begins her journey of faith?

**All We will.**

Will you do all that you can to help and support Alice and Tim in the bringing up of Imogen?

**All With the help of God we will.**

#### The minister asks Alice and Tim and the Godparents,

Parents and godparents, you speak for Imogen today. You will be an example to her. Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

*They respond;* **We will.**

#### The minister says to everyone

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

Do you turn away from sin?

**All I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**All I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**All I do.**

**Signing with the Cross**

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on Imogen’s forehead*

Imogen Emma Mary, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

*Parents and godparents likewise to make the sign in oil on her forehead*

#### The minister says to everyone

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**All Stand bravely with him**

**against all the powers of evil,**

**and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

#### Please sit or kneel to pray and the president says

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice

by putting away all malice and evil

and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

#### Silence as we all turn from sin and turn to Christ and the president says

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**The Sign of a Cross Activity.**

#### If children would like, they can have some oil on their hands, we can mark a cross if we want.

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you  
The Lord lift up his countenance on you  
And give you peace. Amen

#### We stand and pray together for the children in our midst today.

**All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as**

**our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to**

**him, and welcomes those who come to him now.**

**Look with love upon these children and protect them**

**with your care. May they grow in wisdom, age and**

**strength in your presence and in the sight of all.**

**We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ**

**our Lord. Amen.**

#### The children remain in church and move to the transept for their activities. We remain standing to sing the Gloria

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

*David Thorne*

### THE COLLECT

#### The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Having been reconciled to God,

let us pray that our hearts may be open

and receptive to hear his word to us.

#### Silence is kept.

**All Risen Christ,**

**for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:**

**open the doors of our hearts,**

**that we may seek the good of others**

**and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,**

**to the praise of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Please remain standing for the Gospel

### GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

*cf Revelation 1.17,18*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:19-end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Please be seated.

### SERMON

#### Short silence

**POEM** *‘All Is Well’ by Henry Scott Holland*

#### Before our prayers a poem is to be read in memory of Emma Mary, beloved Aunt of Imogen and Arthur.

Death is nothing at all,

I have only slipped into the next room

I am I and you are you

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name,

Speak to me in the easy way which you always used

Put no difference in your tone,

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,

Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,

Just around the corner.

All is well.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### Please sit or kneel to pray. The president says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

let us pray to the Father.

#### At the end of each prayer

Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

#### At the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

#### The parents and godparents gather at the font

### THE BAPTISM

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe In God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was**

**buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.** **Amen.**

**Prayer over the Water**

#### The minister stands before the water of baptism and says,

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.**

We praise you, loving Father,

for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was Baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are Baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

**Baptism**

#### A minister baptises Imogen

**Imogen Emma Mary Mann**

IBaptise you

in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
**All Amen**

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

#### Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, ‘Peace be with you’.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

*John 20.19,20*

All Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### We exchange a sign of peace and return to our seats

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN *–*103*:* Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Hearts to heaven and voices raise

#### During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

#### The gifts of bread and wine and our offerings are brought to the altar.

#### **1 Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

#### **Sing to God a hymn of gladness,**

#### **Sing to God a hymn of praise;**

#### **He who on the Cross a victim**

#### **For the world’s salvation bled,**

#### **Jesus Christ, the King of glory,**

#### **Now is risen from the dead.**

### 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits

### Of the holy harvest field,

### Which will all its full abundance

### At his second coming yield;

### Then the golden ears of harvest

### Will their heads before him wave,

### Ripened by his glorious sunshine

### From the furrows of the grave.

### 3. Christ is risen, we are risen;

### Shed upon us heavenly grace,

### Rain and dew and gleams of glory

### From the brightness of thy face;

### That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven

### Here on earth may fruitful be,

### And by angel-hands be gathered,

### And be ever safe with thee.

### 4 Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Glory be to God on high;

### To the Father, and the Savour,

### Who has gained the victory;

### Glory to the Holy Spirit,

### Fount of love and sanctity;

### Alleluia! Alleluia!

### To the Triune Majesty.

### PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

#### Please remain standing

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father;

and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts

the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women

the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise

and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels

and the powers of all creation

sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus / Benedictus

**All 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*

#### Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine may be to us

the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once

for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection

and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice

of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of Mary and

all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

All Amen.

#### A brief silence is kept

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

## As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**AllMost merciful Lord,**

your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean,**

**our hearts were unprepared;**

**we were not fit even to eat the crumbs**

**from under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,**

**and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us**

**with the precious body and blood of your Son,**

**that he may live in us and we in him;**

**and that we, with the whole company of Christ,**

**may sit and eat in your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

### 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*

#### **bread and wine symbol - Clip Art Library**We welcome those who are members of other Christian Churches to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive a blessing please carry this Booklet

#### White Musical Notes Clip ArtPlease remain seated as the Communion hymn is sung.

### THE COMMUNION HYMN *–* 114: Now is eternal life

### 1 Now is eternal life, if risen with Christ we stand,

### In him to life reborn, and holden in his hand;

### No more we fear death’s ancient dread,

### In Christ arisen from the dead.

### 2 For God, the living God, stooped down to man’s estate;

### By death destroying death, Christ opened wide life’s gate:

### He lives, who died; he reigns on high;

### Who loves in him shall never die.

### 3 Unfathomed love divine, reign thou within my heart;

### From thee nor depth nor height, nor life nor death can part;

### Our life is hid with God in thee,

### Now and through all eternity. *G.W. Briggs 1875-1959*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### The president says the post communion prayer for the day, followed by the Prayer of Thanksgiving, said by everyone

**Lord God our Father,**

**through our Saviour Jesus Christ**

**you have assured your children of eternal lif**

**and in baptism have made us one with him:**

**deliver us from the death of sin**

**and raise us to new life in your love,**

**in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All God of truth,**

**we have seen with our eyes**

**and touched with our hands the bread of life;**

**strengthen our faith**

**that we may grow in love for you**

**and for each other;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK and Notices

### BAPTISM CANDLE AND BLESSING

#### The minister gives a Candle to Imogen.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness

and has given us a place with the saints in light.

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.**

*Please stand to sing the closing hymn*

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** **332: All hail the power of Jesu's name**

1. **All hail the power of Jesu's name;**

**Let angels prostrate fall;**

**Bring forth the royal diadem**

**To crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Crown him, ye morning stars of light,**

**Who fixed this floating ball;**

**Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,**

**And crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,**

**Who from his altar call;**

**Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,**

**And crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,**

**Ye ransomed of the fall,**

**Hail him who saves you by his grace,**

**And crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,**

**Whom David Lord did call;**

**The God incarnate, Man divine,**

**And crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget**

**The wormwood and the gall,**

**Go spread your trophies at his feet,**

**And crown him Lord of all.**

1. **Let every tribe and every tongue**

**To him their hearts enthral,**

**Lift high the universal song,**

**And crown him Lord of all.** *Edward Perronet 1726-92 and others*

### THE DISMISSAL

### THE BLESSING

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

### All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

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