

**Final Hymn: Christ triumphant ever reigning**

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
Hear us as we sing:**

**Refrain: Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown,  
the eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
By your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
Victim crucified!  
Death is through the Cross defeated,  
Sinners justified:**

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
High in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
Stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising  
Through the ages long,  
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
This shall be our song: *M Seward***

## **ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**Today - Palm Sunday** – Holy Week begins. We start our journey towards Easter by marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Golden Palm crosses will be available, but we are also inviting you to bring along green or flowering shrub branches to carry in the Parish Communion procession. This is a long tradition in mainland Europe and is in effect our 'local' spring palms.

**Holy Week Services:** A leaflet outlining the various services during Holy Week, together with timings, is available at the back of church. Please take one home with you and feel free to distribute them around

On **Wednesday** in Holy Week, we will have a Christian Passover celebration at 7. 30 p.m. in the Community Room. This will require a ticket (£2 each) to cover costs and is limited to 25 people. The celebration will help us to understand how our Christian Eucharist developed out of the 'Last Supper' Jesus celebrated the night before his death.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** Our monthly collection will be made **next Sunday**, 1st April, 2018. A list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website.

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

**Gt & Lt Shelford CoE (VA) Primary School - Headteacher Appointment:** Thank you for your prayers and interest in the appointment of the new head teacher. We announced the appointment of Mr Christopher (Chris) Grey as Head with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Chris is currently Interim Head of School at St Felix RC Primary School in Haverhill. He is an outstanding teacher and school senior leader and we are very fortunate to be able to appoint him. Chris looks forward to joining the school in the autumn and I am planning to invite him to join us on a Sunday in later summer.

**Deanery Spring Fair** - Thank you for your support for the fair which raised £1,604, after expenses, for the YouthInc project in the Deanery. We recently appointed the part time Youth Worker who will be funded by the project and will be announcing further details shortly. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair.

**Candle stand:** We have a beautiful candle stand in the Lady Chapel. Often the lighting of a candle is a way of centring our hearts on God; it can be a prayer in itself and can be a light of thanksgiving and of hope. Do

make use of it and encourage others to do the same. We are ever grateful to the donor for such a warm and welcoming addition in our Church.

**Cathedral video:** The Cathedral has released a video showing how easy it is to pray while doing all forms of daily activity. Our Church is featured in the video so do take a look, if you have access to a computer, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9Ma-nFiCkc>

**Electoral Roll Revision:** It is the time of year when we need to revise the church Electoral Roll. Please check that your details are correct on the list at the back of church and let me know if they need to be updated. If your name is not on the list, please take a form from the back of the church and return it to me when it is completed. The revision closes **today**, Sun. 25th Mar. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings).

**Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England:** The central Church of England Safeguarding Team have produced the following question and answer sheet to help provide parishes with a clearer understanding about the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/Parish%20QA%20Feb%201.pdf>

Printed copies are available at the back of church for those with no internet access. This is a matter that will increasingly receive both national and local attention in the coming weeks.

**Confirmation:** The Deanery is hosting a celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion in Nov. 2018. All parishes in the Deanery are being invited to prepare and present candidates. If you are an adult or younger person and would like to be Confirmed, please speak to Simon Talbott, Monica Cameron or one of the Churchwardens **as soon as possible**. Once we have an idea of numbers, we can start planning preparation sessions for later in the year.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage 2019** - Bishop Stephen has announced that he will be leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 1-12 February next year, and hopes that you will lend this exciting project your support.

You will see from the brochure, which can be found on the Diocesan website following this link: <http://www.elydiocese.org//event?id=7527>, that the group is planning to spend ten full days in Palestine and Israel, during which we will visit all the principal sites and shrines associated with the life of Jesus, as well as having some substantial interactions with local Christians. Those of you who have participated in previous pilgrimages may be interested to note that this time we will also be visiting Petra, Jordan's "rose-red city" and Masada. We will be looked after by a travel firm that has an enviable reputation for supporting the ethnic Christian communities of the Holy Land, and is the official, preferred pilgrimage operator for the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.

Many have witnessed before what a positive impact a pilgrimage of this kind can have on the life of a diocese and its parishes, as pilgrims discover new insights into the very roots of their faith, and return home eagerly committed to a greater sense of discipleship. This can touch and affect those around them in their local church communities and impact on parish and diocesan life in a very positive and exciting manner.

If you have any questions about the pilgrimage, please feel free to contact the Rev'd Alan Partridge, [a.partridge7@gmail.com](mailto:a.partridge7@gmail.com), who is coordinating.

**Alms Giving 2018:** The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in March will be going to SSYI. 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.

<b>Today</b>	<b>18:30 Evensong</b>
	<b>Please see leaflet for details of services throughout Holy week</b>
<b>Wednesday 28th March, 2018</b>	<b>09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>Sunday 1st April, 2018</b>	<b>6.30 Joint Dawn Service - Magog Down 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Evensong</b>

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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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