

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 29th April, 2018 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

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| Opening: 103 | Gradual: 113 |
| Offertory: 296 | Communion: 276 |
| Final: 364 | |

Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
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. 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. Amen** *Music, John Rutter*

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.** *Music, John Rutter*

Agnus Dei:

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.** *Music, John Rutter*

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Acts 8. 26 - 40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his

life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading: 1 John 4. 7 - 21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15. 1 - 8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 our 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.

Toddler group, for children aged 0 to 3 years and their parents/carers, meeting each **Thursday**, 9.30 to 11.30, in the community room during term time. We are looking for people to help on the rota on a regular or occasional basis. If you are interested please contact Gillian, gillian.pett29@gmail.com

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

Easter Season: The Easter season continues for the next three weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 20th May. We shall transfer Ascension Day to the nearest Sun, 13th May.

Baptism today: We are celebrating the Baptism of Zoe Hopper at 12 noon today. Please pray for Zoe, her parents Jonathan and Monica, godparents and family as they prepare for this special celebration.

George Talbott RIP: My father died very peacefully in his care home near Bury St Edmunds on Sunday morning, 15th April, aged 96. We were with him, having decided to make a visit after I presided at the 8am.

We have appreciated your concern, prayers, condolence cards and messages of support in recent days. Sincere thanks to those who attended the Requiem Mass in Newmarket last Wed. We have much to be thankful for over the care that Dad received in a splendid care home.

Thank you: A very big thank you to Dorothy for the delicious birthday cake and thank you to everyone for the cards and all your good wishes last week. Thank you to Nick for leading the singing of Happy Birthday in church. I am very grateful to everyone for making it very special for me. With much love and every blessing.
Monica

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place next Sunday, 6th May. Details of the items most urgently needed can be found on the website <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>, although all contributions are appreciated.

The Pilgrim house group: All welcome.

We are continuing with our new book 'Something More' by John Pritchard, our efforts to explore 'the cultivation of a sensitive and rewarding relationship with eternal truth and love' (Rowan Williams)

Our meetings will be -

April 24 at 25 Peacocks - chapter 2; May 1 at 84 High Street - chapter 3; May 8 at 70 High Street - chapter 4
Anne Roberts anneroberts2020@yahoo.co.uk 01223 348075)

Baptism next Sunday: We will be celebrating the Baptism of Georgina van Overbeke next Sunday during the Parish Communion at 10am.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Congratulations to Stella Nettleton and Dianne Fraser who were elected last Sun. to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. A very sincere 'thank you' to Mervyn Brown and John Wilson who have retired from the PCC.

Parish Copier Replacement: Unfortunately the parish photocopier 'died' just before Holy Week so we have been relying since then on a commercial printer to reproduce our various publications. The old copier is eight years old and is now beyond its working life. We have looked carefully at the specification for a replacement copier and the PCC has agreed to authorize the purchase of a new machine. The total cost is just over £4,000 and as this is a non-budgeted item of expenditure we will have to call on reserves to meet the cost. We have received a generous pledge from an anonymous donor to support the cost of the copier purchase on the basis that they will match any other donations £1 for £1 up to a limit of £2,000. Please consider if you could make a donation of whatever size, so that we can enjoy the fruits of this very generous pledge and reduce the impact on our reserves.

Ascension Day 10th May - Deanery Eucharist 7.30pm: Parishes from the Deanery of Granta are invited to gather together for the annual Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist, this year hosted by Holy Trinity, Hildersham on 10th May at 7.30pm. We will welcome The Revd. Peter Wood, Diocesan Director of Mission, as preacher. During the service Rachael Went will be commissioned as Deanery Youth Work Enabler.

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.

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

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| Today | 18:30 Evensong |
| Wednesday 2nd May, 2018 | 09:30 Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday 6th May, 2018 | 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Evensong |
| Priest in charge: The Rev'd Simon Talbott | simon@thetalbotts.co.uk 01223 847068 |
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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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