

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 8th April, 2018 – The Second Sunday of Easter
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 125	Gradual: 369
Offertory: 103	Communion: 481
Final: 120	

Gloria:

**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.
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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in
pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our 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.**

Tune: 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.**

Tune: Rutter

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Acts 4. 32 - 35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading: 1 John 1. 1 – 2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel: John 20. 19 - 31

It was evening on 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.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life 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. **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

Today: A warm welcome to The Very Rev'd. Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely, who will be presiding at the 8am Holy Communion. We welcome again The Revd. Canon Vicki Johnson, Canon Pastor at Ely, who will be presiding at the Parish Communion. Our thanks to the Cathedral for their generous support this Sunday.

Marriage Banns: Please pray for Derek Belcher and Sylvia Maloney whose Banns are being read from today, as they prepare for their marriage at Pampisford later in the Spring.

Marriage congratulations: Congratulations to Paul & Ann Seaman on their marriage at St. Mary's yesterday.

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

Holy Week & Easter Thanks: A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way to preparing for the services in Holy Week & Easter. Many individuals and groups have put in lots of extra time to plan and contribute to the worship and other activities; their efforts are very greatly appreciated. Well done to all! A further sincere thank you to the manager at Waitrose, Nick, who our Nick and Gillian approached, and he agreed to provide the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Children's workshop and service, as well as the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Day. Buns and eggs really enjoyed!!!

Christian Aid Lent appeal - 'Count Your Blessings': If you have participated in the Lent appeal this year, please put your filled Count Your Blessings envelopes in the normal Sun. collection and we will ensure that they are sent to Christian Aid.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers were most grateful for the donations sent from our collection last week, and ask for their thanks to be passed on to our congregation. Our next collection will be made on Sunday 6th May.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Wed. 18th April in the Memorial Hall. This is when all local organizations (not just the Parish Council) report on their activities during the year and answer your questions.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Sun. 22nd Apr. after the Parish Communion in the Community Room. Formal notices for the APCM have been posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC members will be available next weekend at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please.

The relevant paperwork for this meeting will be available on **Sun. 15th April** at the back of the church. Please ensure that you collect and read the papers and **BRING THEM** with you on 22nd April. For PCC members whose email addresses are known, the relevant papers will be sent electronically. Copies of the full financial statement and restoration accounts will also be available for reading and return at the back of church.

An '**Apologies for Absence**' list is available for people to sign, if they are unable to attend the meeting.

The **Electoral Roll** is now closed. Only members whose names are listed on it can vote at the APCM. It will be open again after the APCM. Wendy Seekings

The Pilgrim house group will restart on 17 April at 7.30 pm

We are going to study a new book - John Pritchard's 'Something More.' as we have enjoyed a previous book by this author and found it relevant and thought provoking. Venues to be confirmed.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend, even if you can only manage an occasional meeting. The meeting ends at about 9pm.

Please let me know if you would like me to get you a book.

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An Evening Recital by Emil Duncumb (Piano) and Karin A. Cuellar Rendon (Violin) at St Mary's Church, **Saturday 28 April 2018** at **7.30 pm**. Emil, like his brother Jadran who performed at St Mary's in 2016, is a highly talented musician of international repute with roots in Great Shelford. Karin is a Bolivian violinist specialising in Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music. The Recital is being sponsored by **The Friends** and will help raise funds for improving our church entrance. Tickets will be available on the door (Adults £15, Under 16s £10). Further details from Bob Doel (843946).

Great and Little Shelford C of E (A) School - Foundation Governor vacancy: There is a vacancy for a Foundation governor to represent St Mary's parish on the governing body. Ideally, it would be good to recruit a volunteer who worshipped at St Mary's and was keen to bring a wider experience into the role of school governance. If you are interested and keen to offer your skills, then please have a conversation with Simon Talbott.

We record our sincere thanks and appreciation to Nick Pett for his over ten year contribution to the Foundation governor role; Nick has decided to stand down and we therefore have a vacancy. Nick would be very happy to have a conversation with anyone who would like to find out more about the role.

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, 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 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.

Today	18:30 Evensong
Wednesday 11th April, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 15th April, 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 **08/04/18**