

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 13th May, 2018 – Ascension Day (transferred)  
10:00 Parish Communion

**Hymns**

Opening: 130	Gradual: 134
Offertory: 332	Communion: 271
Final: Christ triumphant, ever reigning	

**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:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; 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*

**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***

**8:00 Holy Communion      10:00 Parish Communion**

**First Reading: Acts 1. 1 - 11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1. 15 - 23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Gospel: Luke 24. 44 - 53**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jannsmith_2@hotmail.com)

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

**Marriage Banns:** Please pray for Deok Jang and Jungmi Leigh, Oliver Smith and Freya Leng, Georgie Beattie and Carolyn Alsop whose Banns are being read from 6<sup>th</sup> May, as they prepare for their marriages.

**Easter Season:** The Easter season continues for one week, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> May. Ascension Day is transferred to today.

**Today at 6.30pm:** We will have a service in **Celebration of Wholeness and Healing**. This is a service in which we will have the opportunity to pray together for ourselves, our families and friends, for our community and for our world in light of the healing and wholeness given to each of us through Christ's own ministry. We hope you will come and join us as we pray together. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** The organizers have asked for their thanks to be expressed to everyone who contributed to the collection sent from our parish last week. The donations are very much appreciated.

**Christian Aid Week:** May 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> is Christian Aid Week. We no longer collect door to door, but envelopes will be handed out for our own donations today, to be collected next Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>; or they can be sent direct to Christian Aid. Thank you.

**The Pilgrim house group:** All welcome. We are continuing with our book 'Something More' by John Pritchard.

The author is encouraging us to embrace the special moments in life as a precious gift, but also to appreciate the ordinary and mundane moments by seeing them in a positive way and taking pleasure in their simplicity - even if it's peeling the potatoes. We need to let God's love give us joy and see things through his eyes.

May 15; no meeting. May 22; 84 High Street - Chapter 5. May 29; to be confirmed.  
Anne Roberts 07745 562702.

**The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church** has its Annual General Meeting in the Community Room on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. The Friends are supporting the porch improvement project and after the AGM Roger Stratford will present a short illustrated Talk entitled 'The Sundial'. Whether or not you are a member of the Friends, do please come.

**Thy Kingdom Come:** St Mary's will be holding a **Day of Prayer on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. The church will be open from 10am until 7pm. Resources will be provided to assist with prayer, and refreshments will be available.

**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. 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 under £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.

**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 May will be going to Jimmy's Night Shelter. 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 Service of Wholeness and Healing**

**Wednesday 16th May, 2018** **09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 20th May, 2018**  
**08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**  
**18:30 Evensong**

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator

**13/05/18**