

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Sunday 6th May, 2018 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter
8. 00 Holy Communion

Collect:

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First Reading: Acts 10. 44 - 48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Second Reading: 1 John 5. 1 - 6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel: John 15. 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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Opening Hymn 121

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*

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All Amen

We remain standing

The first and second readings are omitted

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The Sermon

We remain seated

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Georgina and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

The congregation responds:

All With the help of God, we will.

Georgina's parents and godparents stand.

Anna, Chris and godparents, the Church receives Georgina with joy and welcomes her today into the Christian family. We trust in God that she will grow in faith; but you must play your part. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

The parents and godparents respond:
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Georgina begins her journey of faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

The parents and godparents respond:
With the help of God, we will.

God our Father, grant to Chris and Anna a parent's gifts of wisdom, love and faith; and to the godparents and all who care for Georgina give grace, that diligently they may fulfil the vows they make this day. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

May almighty God + deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

During the hymn which follows, the baptismal party proceed to the font.

Hymn 102

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.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

All Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

All Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

All Saving God, give us life.

+ Bless this water that Georgina who is to be washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

All Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon Georgina, bring her to new birth in the household of faith and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

All Amen

Let us affirm our common faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Georgina, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Georgina is anointed with oil of chrism.

Georgina, may God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace. As you have been raised in Christ to new life in the Spirit, may the Spirit ever guide you and protect you, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing, and, growing in the knowledge and love of God, may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen**

A prayer for Georgina

Georgina, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you

in joy and in sorrow,

to be your guide in life,

and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people

you must explore the way of Jesus

and grow in friendship with God,

in love for his people,

and in serving others.

With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

A Fanfare is played on the organ as the baptismal party return to their places.

The Peace

Children already baptized recently join Georgina and her family for the peace and welcome.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. Georgina, we welcome you.

All We welcome you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 105

The service continues with the offertory

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*

Communion Hymn 139



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 and sit in the front pews, away from the children's corner.

Sunday Club normally meets on the first Sunday of each month in church then to the community room for a story and activities (this month, on the second Sunday). 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

Final Hymn 107

At the end of the service

The Dismissal

The ceremony of the giving of the candle takes place after the final blessing

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Certificate of Baptism and a baptismal candle are presented to Georgina

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Georgina, 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.

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ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Today: We are celebrating the Baptism of Georgina van Overbeke during the 10am Parish Communion. Please pray for Georgina, her parents Anna and Chris, godparents and family as they prepare for this special celebration.

This Sunday - Service Cover: Simon will be presiding at the Parish Communion at 10am in Harston as the vacancy continues.

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 6th May, as they prepare for their marriages.

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

Friends' Evening Recital: Thank you to all who came to the Recital last weekend. The event raised just over £600 for the new porch improvement project. We are really grateful for your support and also to the Duncumb family whose generosity made it possible for Emil and Karin to perform.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place **today**. 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.

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.

Service of Wholeness & Healing- Sun. 13th May at 6.30pm: In this service of prayer and reflection, we pray for wholeness and healing in our own lives, and in the life of the whole created order.

Christian Aid Week: May 13th - 19th is Christian Aid Week. We no longer collect door to door, but envelopes will be handed out for our own donations next Sunday, to be collected the following Sunday, May 20th; or they can be sent direct to Christian Aid. Thank you.

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 next meeting will be - May 8 at 70 High Street; chapter 4. No meeting May 15, so that people can attend the Friends' AGM. May 22, 7.30pm as usual, at 84 High St; chapter 5.
Anne Roberts anneroberts2020@yahoo.co.uk 07745 562702
(please note - this notice has been updated since the printed version was prepared)

The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church has its Annual General Meeting in the Community Room on Tuesday 15 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 18th 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 Evensong
Wednesday 9th May, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 13th 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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Mrs. Maureen Dobson	d-mdobson@hotmail.co.uk 01223 840076
Mr. Nigel Pett	npa.cantab@gmail.com 01223 843278
Parish Administrator: Mrs. Katharin Page	pagekatharin@gmail.com 07710 518220
Pastoral Services Co-ordinator Mrs. Frances Simms	francesjsimms47@gmail.com 01223 845895
Children's work contact: Gillian Pett	gillian.pett29@gmail.com

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

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