

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 30th December, 2018 - The First Sunday of Christmas**

**10. 00 Parish Communion**

**Sunday 6th January, 2019 - The Festival of the Epiphany**

**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: First of Christmas 39 : Epiphany 49</b>	<b>Gradual: First of Christmas 21 : Epiphany 48</b>
<b>Offertory: First of Christmas Angels from the realms of Glory : Epiphany 47</b>	<b>Communion: First of Christmas 292 : Epiphany 52</b>
<b>Final: First of Christmas 25 : Epiphany: We Three Kings of Orient Are</b>	

**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: The First Sunday of Christmas**

**Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Collect: The Festival of the Epiphany**

**O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son 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*

**08:00 Holy Communion      10:00 Parish Communion**

**First Reading: The First Sunday of Christmas -  
1 Samuel 2. 18 - 20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

**First Reading: The Festival of the Epiphany - Isaiah 60. 1 - 6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Second Reading: The First Sunday of Christmas -  
Colossians 3. 12 -17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Second Reading: The Festival of the Epiphany - Ephesians 3. 1 - 12**

I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Gospel: The First Sunday of Christmas - Luke 2. 41 - 52**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for

you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

### **Gospel: The Festival of the Epiphany - Matthew 2. 1 - 12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **Post Communion Prayer: The First Sunday of Christmas -**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer: The Festival of the Epiphany**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Hello Children** Where is Mary Mouse hiding?

Sunday Club meets on **Sunday 6th January, 2019** and on the first Sunday of each month. For details contact Gillian, [gillian.pett29@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com)

We are looking for helpers on an occasional or regular basis.

**Toddler group:** for babies and toddlers with their parent(s) or carer, meets on Thursdays from 9.30 to 11.00 during term time, in the Community Room

### **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, or you can write your prayer intention on one of the tags provided, and hang it on the prayer tree at the back of church

**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, [juliet.a.seaman@outlook.com](mailto:juliet.a.seaman@outlook.com)

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

**A warm welcome** to The Rev'd Julie Norris who will be presiding on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. I am very grateful to Julie for coming over so that I can have a Sunday off after Christmas.

**Marriage Banns:** Please pray for Alexander Tofts & Sophie Coope, whose Banns are being read from 6<sup>th</sup> Jan., as they prepare for their marriage at St Mary's in Feb.

**Christmas & New Year Blessings:** On behalf of the whole team at St Mary's, can I wish you every blessing this Christmastide and sincere good wishes for 2019.

**Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to make the Advent and Christmas services special this year. It would not really be fair to single out individuals, but the choir and organist and our vergers deserve a special vote of thanks. Well done to all!

**Thank you from the Vicarage:** A sincere 'thank you' from Mary and myself for all the cards and good wishes we have received. Far too many to respond to individually – you are all very generous.

### **The Tower at St Mary's**

A great contribution to the life and worship of the parish comes from all those members of 'The Tower' at St Mary's. In other words the valiant and hard working group of bell ringers who faithfully ring every weekend to praise God and summon those who live around to worship. The Tower are putting extra efforts into the Christmas and New Year season and they deserve our thanks for all the physical effort and skill involved.

**Making contact over the holiday period:** I will be taking time off from Boxing Day until Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

If you need any pastoral support during the period of my absence, please contact the Churchwardens in the first instance.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** Our next monthly collection will be made on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. 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/>

**Travelling?:-** There is a national website for locating church services over the Christmas and New Year period - 'A Church Near You':-

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Handy if you are travelling to visit family or friends!

**' Follow the Star ':** The Church of England is offering special resources for prayer and reflection over the Christmas period. Visit the website:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar>

**Christmas Holy Communion:** If you are aware of anyone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion over the Christmas period, please let us know.

**Sick leave:** I am having some day surgery on Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. (postponed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.). I will be off on sick leave from 10<sup>th</sup> -- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.; I am very grateful to The Rev'd. Dr. Hannah Cleugh, the Bishop of Ely's chaplain, who will be presiding at the morning services on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**The Pilgrim House group** met for its last meeting of 2018 on 4 December with a lively discussion on Forgiveness.

We restart on Tuesday 8 January at 68 High Street at 7.30pm.

All welcome. Anne Roberts 07745 562702.

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

**08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evensong**

**6th January, 2019**

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10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evensong**

