

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 9th December 2018 – The Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns:

Opening: 10	Gradual: 5
Offertory: 16 (omit v.3)	Communion: 292
Final: 420	

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria, gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis, Hosanna in excelsis,
Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,
Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.

Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem,
Pacem.

Settings by Richard Terry Short Mass in C

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Baruch 5. 1 - 9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that

come from him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1. 3 - 11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: Luke 3. 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Sunday Club: Where is Mary Mouse hiding today?

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of each month. For details contact Gillian, 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. 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 juliet.a.seaman@outlook.com

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Advent: Advent began last Sunday and we have a new seasonal worship booklet. The three year cycle of Sunday scripture readings also changed to Year C, as we started a new church year. The season itself has a certain penitential flavour, so we omit the Gloria and keep this great song of praise for Christmas itself.

Special services in the evening are planned for the Advent season - please see the poster in the porch.

Service of Hope -today at 6.30pm: Advent often gets crowded with 'pre-Christmas' messages and themes (when did you see the first Christmas cards?!?), so this reflective act of worship helps to explore the deeper side of waiting in hope.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers send their grateful thanks for the donations sent from our parish last week. Our next collection will be on **Sunday 6th January, 2019**. Further support can be given through various collection points listed on their website -<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Annual Toy Collection: Many thanks for the splendid toy collection last weekend. The wrapped gifts have been sent to Cambridge Salvation Army for distribution over Christmas.

POSADA – making room for Jesus this Christmas. Don't forget to sign up on the journey rota (on the table at the back of the church) to be hosts for Mary, Joseph and the donkey on their way to Bethlehem. Information sheets are available at the back of the church with a collection box for homeless charities. Information is also available on the church website, following the 'services and events' link, or from Gillian, gillian.pett29@gmail.com, or Maureen, 01223 840076

Great & Little Shelford Primary School Junior Carols by Candlelight Thurs. 13th Dec. at 6pm: In the Parish Church - all are welcome, but do arrive early to ensure you get a seat!

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - Sun. 16th Dec.: 6.30pm. followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Parish Church

A Traditional Carol Event: Come and join our local musicians to, once again, sing the festive, well-loved carols on **Wed. 19th Dec, 7 - 8.00pm** outside Great Shelford Memorial Hall (inside if wet). Refreshments afterwards. Contributions to Village Warden Scheme. **Musicians** (Brass & Wind) wishing to play in our local band please contact Chris on 01223 842127.

Vicarage 'Open House': There will be **Open House** at the Vicarage on **Fri. 21st Dec.** 12noon - 2pm then 6-9pm. Seasonal refreshments promised – all ages welcome.

The Very Greatest Journey Nativity - Sun. 23rd Dec. at 4pm: A special service for families and children. No Christingle service this year, but a Pop-Up Nativity, **The Very Greatest Journey**, for all ages, but especially children. No rehearsals needed but everyone is welcome, dressed up or not, as a Nativity character, e.g. shepherd, donkey, sheep, Mary etc. We will be telling the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus with carols, pictures and your participation. Collection in aid of The Children's Society.

Christmas Services: All the information relating to services over the Christmas period can be found on our website -

<http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>

Details are also available in the Dec. edition of Village News, on posters around the community and on cards available at the back of church.

Travelling?:- There is a national website for locating church services over the Christmas 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 in the pre-Christmas period, please let us know.

Kaleidoscope at All Saints: You are invited to a **Christmas Celebration** with the choir of Shelford School

on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 10. 30 am (beginning with coffee) in All Saints Church, Little Shelford.

The Way of Life: Our November meeting was led by Dr Ruth Bancewicz from the Faraday Institute, addressing the preconception held by many people that science and religion are mutually exclusive. In a very interesting presentation, Ruth pointed out that the earliest scientists started from the theological standpoint of trying to explore, understand and therefore better appreciate the wonder of creation, and to glorify God thereby; and that the many leading scientists today who are also Christians likewise find that their work strengthens their faith. Our next meeting will be on the last Wednesday in January.

Gift Day update: Delighted to report that additional donations have been received in response to the Gift Day appeal. The total now stands at **£6,724**. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The Rev'd Nicola Bown - Second Curacy appointment: I am delighted to announce that Nicola Bown will be joining the ministry team from 14th Jan. 2019 for a short second curacy until summer 2019 (in effect until she moves to a first post of responsibility). She will be full time with us and commute daily; we are finding her a working base in the community so she has a base locally. I hope that you will have a chance to meet Nicola informally before she begins ministry here. Nicola writes: ' I was ordained deacon in 2016 and moved to Linton with my family to start my curacy there. Before ordination I taught English and Art History at Birkbeck College in London, and I enjoy bringing art and creativity to my ministry. I'm married to Sam and have two sons. I am really looking forward to my time in Great Shelford and getting to know people here. '

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	18:30 Service of Hope
Monday to Friday	09:00 Morning Prayer 18:00 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 12th December, 2018	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th December, 2018	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
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. **09/12/18**