

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 16th December 2018 – The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Hymns:**

<b>Opening: 11</b>	<b>Gradual: 12</b>
<b>Offertory: 499</b>	<b>Communion: 409</b>
<b>Final: 7</b>	

**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 Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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: Zephaniah 3. 14 - 20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your

fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 4. 4 - 7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel: Luke 3. 7 - 18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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](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. 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](mailto:juliet.a.seaman@outlook.com)

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

**Today at 6.30pm - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** - followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Parish Church

**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](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com), or Maureen, 01223 840076

**A Traditional Carol Event:** Come and join our local musicians to, once again, sing the festive, well-loved carols on **Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.** 12noon - 2pm **then 6-9pm.** Seasonal refreshments promised – all ages welcome.

**The Greatest Journey Nativity - Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. at 4pm:** A special service for families and children. No Christingle service this year, but a Pop-Up Nativity, **The 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.

### **Salve et vale!**

I am aware that some of you will be going away over the holiday break. Please give our good wishes to any church community that you may visit. We shall be welcoming several visitors to St Mary's during the holiday – I do hope that all will feel at home and warmly welcomed here.

**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>

We also have some '**Follow the Star**' small booklets available at the back of church that offer a reflection and a short prayer and reading for each of the 'Twelve Days ' of the Christmas season. Please take one home with you - they are free!

**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.

**The Pilgrim House group** met for its last meeting of 2018 on Tuesday 4 December with a lively discussion on Forgiveness. We considered it from four points of view

- Forgiving others
- Being forgiven
- Asking for forgiveness
- Asking God to 'Forgive us our trespasses'

We had plenty of examples where forgiveness could be very beneficial and we talked about feeling brave enough to confront a situation and perhaps other times where it might be prudent not to interfere.

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

All welcome. Anne Roberts 07745 562702.

**Joy Amis** - sends her good wishes for a Happy Christmas and asks to be remembered to those who know her.

**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.

**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 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Monday to Friday** **09:00 Morning Prayer**  
**18:00 Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday 19th December, 2018** **09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 23rd December, 2018** **08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**  
**16:00 The Greatest Journey**  
**Nativity**

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

**16/12/18**