

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 3rd February, 2019 - Candlemas
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 408	Gradual: 44
Offertory: 393	Communion: Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Final: Lord the light of your love is shining	

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

Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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.

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. *Settings: John Rutter*

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Hymn: Shine, Jesus, shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Fathers glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me *Refrain*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me *Refrain*

08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Malachi 3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2. 14 - 18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too. There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

LAYING UP OF STANDARD

President: It is an ancient and laudable custom to lay up in the House of God the emblems of our duty and service, there to remain for all time as a reminder of duty well done and of the strength that God supplies.

Branch Reverend Sir, I ask you to receive the Standard of Shelford Branch of the Royal British
President: Col. Legion for safe lodging in the House of God until such a time as it shall pass to dust like
Derek Bishop those whose courage and devotion are enshrined in its history.

The Standard is received and placed on the High Altar.

President: We receive this Standard into the safe keeping of God's House, here to hang for all time as a reminder to those who pass by of our duty to God, to our Sovereign and to our Country.

We sing the final hymn



Hello Children Where is Mary Mouse hiding?

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: The Toddler group meetings are suspended from January 2019.

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

Today - Royal British Legion Branch Standard 'Laying Up ': The Shelford and Stapleford Branch of the Royal British Legion formally closed over a year ago and merged with the Sawston Branch. When military or veterans' units close, it is customary to 'lay up' the unit's standard, often in a place of worship. Many larger churches and Cathedrals have several such standards which carry the memory of the unit and all who were members.

We are delighted to accept the request from the former Branch to lay up their standard and to display it in the parish church. We have identified a site in the Lady Chapel which would be an appropriate spot for the resting place of the standard.

The formal laying up will take place during the Parish Communion this morning at 10am. We hope that veterans and all those associated with the branch will join us on this important occasion.

Nicola's Licensing: Please remember Nicola this week as she is licensed as assistant curate by Archdeacon Alex on Thurs. at his home.

Marriage this week: Please remember Alexander Tofts & Sophie Coope, as they prepare for their marriage at St Mary's on Sat. 6th Feb.

The Rev'd David Karoon: David and Shirley send thanks for your prayers as David began a new ministry in the West Norfolk Priory Group last weekend.

The Pilgrim house group: We met as usual on Tuesday evening. For the last 2 weeks we have been discussing Holiness. The take home message is that it is simple but difficult to be holy. We all have the capacity to be holy, and that truly holy people manage to be holy without being aware of it. A strong relationship with God and being aware of the 'extraordinariness of God' will help us. Secondly, we should try to be in tune with humanity, its needs, and enter into life with love, compassion and a degree of resilience. Our next few meetings are as follows

Date	Venue
5 Feb	56 Cambridge Road
12 Feb	43 Hinton Way

