

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 31st March, 2019 - Mothering Sunday**  
**- The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: 336</b>	<b>Gradual: 391</b>
<b>Offertory: 185</b>	<b>Communion: I come with joy</b>
<b>Final: As I kneel before thee</b>	

**Kyrie**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy**  
**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.** *David Thorne*

**Collect:**

**God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** *David Thorne*

**Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.** *David Thorne*

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

**First Reading: Joshua 5. 9 - 12**

The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5. 16 - 21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Gospel: Luke 15. 1 - 3, 11b - 32**

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

**Sunday Club** normally meets on the first Sunday of each month. However, we are meeting today, Mothering Sunday instead of 7th April. 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:** 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 blue Intercessions 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)

**Hymn: I come with joy**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.**

**Hymn: As I kneel before you**

**1 As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.**

*Refrain*

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

**2 All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,  
Present them to my Lord.**

*Refrain*

**3 As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.**

*Refrain*

**4 Your sweet love surrounds me,  
In all that I say or do,  
Show me the way, this and each day,  
To live as pleases you.**

*Refrain*

**5 Anywhere life takes me,  
Any time I feel alone,**

I need not fear, for you are near,  
Loving me as your own.  
*Refrain*

6 As I kneel before you  
And your love lifts up my heart,  
So may I know how—to go  
To live a better part.  
*Refrain*

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

**Sunday Club:** Is meeting today instead of next Sun. to help mark Mothering Sunday.

**Mothering Sunday Posies:** Posies will be available for distribution at all services today. Sincere thanks to those who work to produce them.

**Christian Aid Cyclone Idai Appeal:** No doubt you will have seen some of the distressing images of the effect of this massive cyclone on the people of Malawi, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. An estimated 80,000 have been displaced and at least 240 people have been killed. The death toll is rising fast, with over 1,000 predicted lost. Christian Aid is making an urgent special appeal to reach these people and we will be deploying our 'sweet jar' at the end of each service to help gather funds for the appeal. Please be generous, especially in this Lenten season.

**Jenny Morris RIP:** Jenny died peacefully in Arthur Rank Hospice on Thurs. 28th Mar. Jenny was a tireless worker for the parish and wider community and will be missed by us all. We give thanks for her life and remember Philip and the family in these testing days. No funeral arrangements have been confirmed yet.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** A reminder that our monthly collection takes place next Sunday, **7th April**. Please do all you can to support the work of the Foodbank. All donations are appreciated and a list of foods and toiletries most urgently needed can be found on their website - <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**Deanery Spring Fair** - Thank you for your support for the fair yesterday; a verbal update on the amount raised will be given this morning.

### Lent Activities 2019:

#### Count Your Blessings this Lent with Christian Aid

Celebrate the good things in your life this Lent with a thought-provoking Count Your Blessings calendar. This Lent, reflect each day on the blessings in your life and join in giving thanks. Be inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities in need. Enjoy Count Your Blessings as a personal journey or share it with family or friends. Leaflets available for both adults and children at the back of church.

**Lent Breakfasts:** There will be Lent breakfasts on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. at 8:45am in the Community Room. This gives an opportunity for those who attend the 8.00am service and those who can arrive early for the 10.00am service to share fellowship over breakfast. A small donation will be asked and all are most welcome to the services and breakfasts.

**Lent Lunches:** The local churches are hosting Lent Lunches again this year, in aid of overseas development charities. The last lunch will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Great Shelford Free Church, 12.00 to 2.00pm.

**Lent Course:** "Your Call" is a spiritual journey to make in Lent. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings in the Community Room, at 7.30pm. The course is not exactly a Bible study, although it uses the Bible a lot; the readings are part of a whole-person approach to thinking about our day to day commitment to Christ's call. In our third session, we discussed the blessings we have received, and how to "give away" our faith in response. The next session, on 2nd April, will be "The Call to Love". All are very welcome.

**Way of Life:** Our March meeting was led by Rev Tim Fyffe, asking "Can Christians pray with Muslims?" Tim shared his own very interesting and encouraging experiences of inter-faith prayer and action. The next meeting will take place on Wed. 24th April.

**Preparation of a new Parish Church Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll has to be completely revised this year, so all those wishing to be included on the St. Mary's Roll will need to fill in a new form; these can be found at the back of the church. Please return your completed forms to Wendy Seekings or one of the

churchwardens **today** (late names can not be added until after the Annual Meeting has taken place); the current Roll will end then, and the new one (names only) will be displayed at the back of the church from 6<sup>th</sup> April, in readiness for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April. Only those on the new Electoral Roll can vote at the meeting.

**Songs of Praise:** We will be having another Songs of Praise on 12<sup>th</sup> May. This is an opportunity for you to suggest a favourite hymn, maybe one we don't normally sing, and also to talk about your choice, if you wish to. There is a sheet at the back of the church for you to fill in. We shall begin with tea and cakes in the Community room.

**Confirmation:** The Deanery is hosting a celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion in June 2019. 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, Nicola Bown 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.

**LLM (Reader) Placement:** We are shortly to welcome Amanda Tuck into our community as a trainee Licensed Lay Minister. Some of you may know her as she was deputy headteacher at Great and Little Shelford working with Alison Quinlan. Amanda moved on to headship at Thriplow and has since retired from her post as head at Petersfield Church of England (Aided) Primary in Orwell. Amanda felt called to ministry to express her deep commitment to Church community life some years ago. We are pleased to welcome her on placement as one element in her training with Ely Diocese. You may hear her preach, notice her around during services or chat to her informally. Amanda will be with us for a few weeks during the early summer.

**Richard Davies writes:** ' Some of you may know that for a while now I have been exploring ministry within the Church of England and seeking to discern God's guidance as to his intended path for me. I find myself on a wonderfully exciting journey; and as part of this journey I am to undertake a placement for the next 6 months or so within the Four Church Benefice (Fowlmere, Thriplow, Foxton and Shepreth). My aim is to immerse myself within the FCB, with a view to obtaining a good understanding of the needs and challenges of 4 rural parishes, which due to a shortage in priest numbers is run by one person, The Rev'd Angela Melaniphy. Hopefully along the way, I will be able to help out too. Either way it is a great opportunity and I am very grateful to Simon Talbott for enabling it. Unfortunately, it does, however, mean that I will be unable to attend St Mary's as much as usual during the placement, particularly on Sundays; and I will miss you all during this time. That said, I will still be around, both at work in the village and most morning and evening prayers at St Mary's during the week; and I hope to bump into you all there. God bless - Richard'

**Donations & Payments by Contactless Giving:** The PCC has this week taken delivery of a contactless payments device which can accept bank and credit cards for donations and payments. The 'kit' is being funded by the Diocese as Gt Shelford is one of the early adopter parishes to offer this method of giving. We shall be training up various people to help donors to use the kit, but the intention is that it will be available at every service where collections are taken.

**Alms Giving 2019:** The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in March will be going to SSYI. 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

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

**Wednesday 3rd April, 2019** 09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 7th April, 2019** 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evensong

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

**31/03/19**