

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 10th March, 2019 - The First Sunday of Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 67	Gradual: 385
Offertory: 383	Communion: 307
Final: 74	

Kyrie eleison

**Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us.**

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Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Agnus Dei:

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Settings: Merbecke

08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26. 1 - 11

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in

number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading: Romans 10. 8b – 13

What does the scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel: Luke 4. 1 – 13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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, the next meeting will be on 31st March, Mothering Sunday, not 7th April. 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 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

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Today: The First Sunday of Lent: As Lent starts, the flavour of our Sunday worship changes to reflect the penitential character of the season. We omit the Gloria, reserving it for the joy of Eastertide and the Sunday Parish Communion service booklet for Lent chooses prayers which help us to think about where we stand before God. The Prayer Book Holy Communion services will use the full version of the Commandments, again helping us to think about our life and actions.

It would be wrong to characterise Lent as a season of gloom. I like to think of it as a chance to take up things, as much as giving things up, in order that we might better serve our neighbours. What we save can then be donated to help others in need (perhaps via the 'Count Your Blessings' Christian Aid initiative). Do please think about what you are going to do as an 'extra' during Lent - perhaps to come along to one of the special Lent activities. I do hope that we all enjoy the coming six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God.

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 today.

Lent Breakfasts: There will be Lent breakfasts on the 17th and 24th March and 7th and 14th 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 Course: "Your Call" is a spiritual journey to make in Lent. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Community Room, at 7.30pm, starting with "The Call to Holiness" on Tuesday 12th March. 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.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organizers have asked for their thanks to be passed to everyone who contributed to the collection sent from our parish last week. Our next collection will be made on Sunday 7th April.

Sunday Club: The next meeting of Sunday Club will take place on **Mothering Sunday, 31st March.**

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.

SSYI Big Breakfast: This will be held on Sat 23rd March, 8-11am, in Little Shelford Village Hall.

Brenda Truelove RIP: Brenda, late of Trumpington, Stapleford and Great Shelford, passed away peacefully in Westbury on Sun 3rd March, aged 88. Her ashes will be interred in St Mary's churchyard, following cremation in Wiltshire.

Parish Administrator: St Andrew's Stapleford are looking for a part-time Parish Administrator to support our parish priest and the Christian mission and worship of our church, as well as all the activities of a Church of England parish church. If you are a well-organised and motivated self-starter, with good and varied administrative experience, we can offer a flexible role, in a friendly setting. More information about the post can

