

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 17th March, 2019 - The Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: 159 vv 1,2,5 and 6	Gradual: 343
Offertory: I cannot tell why he whom angels worship	Communion: In stillness come before the Lord
Final: 449	

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy upon us,
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Christ have mercy upon us,
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Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 15. 1 - 12, 17 - 18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed

the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Second Reading: Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: Luke 13. 31 - 35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Second Sunday of Lent: As Lent continues, the flavour of our Sunday worship reflects 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.

Today: There will be a Taize style service at St Andrew's Stapleford at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

This Sunday - Service Cover: Simon will be presiding at the two Eucharists this Sunday at Stapleford; this is to enable Simon Taylor to take part in the St Andrew's children's Sunday worship.

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 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 Lunches: The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year, in aid of overseas development charities. All are on Fridays – 22nd March at St. Andrew's, Stapleford, in the Johnson Hall, 12.00 to 1.30 pm; 29th March at St Mary's Community Room, Great Shelford, 12.30 to 2.00 pm; 5th April, Great Shelford Free Church, 12.00 to 2.00pm; 12th April, St. Andrew's, Stapleford, in the Johnson Hall, 12.00 to 1.30pm.

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. The first session kicked off with a lively meeting discussing "The Call to Holiness" which we took to mean the call to be closer to God. We looked at three ways of turning up our awareness of God; by being more confident of our faith; by being more thankful and counting our blessings; by learning to be more spiritual - and what that means. Thank you to everyone who came. The second session, "The Call to Listen" is on 19th March. Do bring your lists of blessings with you. One of mine was starting a new bar of soap yesterday.

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.

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

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Hymn: I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship

**I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world, is King.**

Hymn: In stillness come before the Lord

- 1** In stillness come before the Lord,
To bow your head in prayer.
His spirit moves around us now
His light shines everywhere.
He heals our hearts, uplifts our souls
He cleanses us from sin.
Let His light grow inside our hearts
To shine bright from within.
- 2** In stillness as our Lord did pray
When at his darkest hour,
Let us be still to hear his word,
And feel his mighty power,
Heads bowed in reverence to such light,
As leaves no shadows there.
For with the Lord who knowest all
Our hearts and souls are bared.
- 3** In stillness listen for His word;
His love our souls doth feed.
For those who come to Him, He will
Fulfil our every need.
Lord help us to do as you ask
In this, our earthly life,
That we may come at last to you
And live in Heaven's light.