

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 24th March, 2019 - The Third Sunday of Lent  
10:00 Parish Communion

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: 468</b>	<b>Gradual: 66</b>
<b>Offertory: 381</b>	<b>Communion: 282</b> <b>Anthem: Thou knowest Lord <i>Purcell</i></b>
<b>Final: 397</b>	

**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.

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

**Collect:**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Isaiah 55. 1 - 9**

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Gospel: Luke 13. 1 - 9**

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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](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)

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

**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.

**CONNECT** is a monthly youth service seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other...and with God! **CONNECT** is a really exciting new initiative brought about with the help of a small group of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer.

We will be meeting at St Andrew's Stapleford on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. The date for your diary is **today, 24<sup>th</sup> March** – so be sure not to miss out! This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join together. Let's **CONNECT**.

**Vacancy in the Suffragan See of Huntingdon:** The interviews for the post of Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon take place this week on Thurs./Fri. 28/29<sup>th</sup> Mar. Please pray for all those involved in the interviews that they can listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in selecting a preferred candidate. Once the interviews are concluded, we should have an announcement by mid-May and the Consecration is currently booked for Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St Paul's Cathedral in London. The new Bishop should begin their ministry in Sept.

**Sunday Club:** The next meeting of Sunday Club will take place next week on **Mothering Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**.

**Mothering Sunday Posies:** Posies will be available for distribution at all services next Sun., 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. Sincere thanks to those who work to produce them.

**British Summer Time** begins in the early hours of Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Mar., so please remember to put your clocks and watches **forward** by one hour on Sat. night.

### **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 will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year, in aid of overseas development charities. All are on Fridays – 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Community Room, Great Shelford, 12.30 to 2.00 pm; 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. The second session also proved lively. There was wide ranging discussion on how we respond to a sense of

inner darkness and to Jesus as 'the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' Our study suggests that we take time to sit quietly, or engage in some relaxing activity, just saying to God "I am here". On 26th March our theme will be 'The Call to Witness'. All are very welcome.

**Way of Life:** Our next meeting, "Can Christians pray with Muslims?", led by Rev Tim Fyffe, will be held on Wednesday 27th March; 10.30am, preceded by tea/coffee and cake from 10.00am, in the Community Room.

The **Deanery Spring Fair** is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 to 12.00 noon** in the **Memorial Hall** Please keep the date free - the Deanery needs our support and again this year the money raised is to support the YouthInc initiative. Your efforts will contribute much needed funding for the youth worker post, and is match funded, pound-for-pound by the Ely Diocese Mission Fund. We are now collecting items for the stalls. If you can help with books, bottles, gifts, toys, china & glass, home-made cakes & preserves, prizes, etc, please get in touch with Bob or Dorothy Doel (Tel: 843946). Books need to be with them **today** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, other items any time ahead of the Fair.

**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 by 31<sup>st</sup> March; 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'

**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 27th March, 2019**

**09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 31st March, 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.

**24/03/19**