

The Parish of St Mary the Virgin

Great Shelford



Palm Sunday Parish Communion

14th April 2019 at 10.00am

A warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning to begin the celebration of Holy Week. Today we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem with great joy at the start of the week in which he was put to death.

Services for Holy Week:

14 Apr.	Sun	6.30pm	<i>Faure's Requiem</i> at St Andrew's Stapleford
15 Apr.	Mon	7.30pm	Reflective Holy Communion with address
16 Apr.	Tue	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

17 Apr.	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Wed	7.30pm	Christian Passover Meal
18 Apr.	Thur.	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist, followed by The Watch Compline
	Thur.	9.00pm	
19 Apr.	Fri.	10.30am	Children's Service
	Fri.	1.00pm	Good Friday Devotions
	Fri.	2.00pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
20 Apr.	Sat	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
21 Apr.	Sun	6.30am	Joint Dawn Service on Magog Down
	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Sun	10.00am	Parish Communion (CW)
	Sun	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

THE GATHERING

The president says:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Please hold up your greenery and palms to be blessed.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, bless these palms and greenery. Let them be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Amen

The Gospel of the Palms: Lk. 19. 20-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The president says:

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

OPENING HYMN - 509 *During the hymn, we process round the church*

We pray together as the children prepare to leave for their activities in the Community Room:

All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to him, and welcomes those who come to him now. Look with love upon these children and protect them with your care. May they grow in wisdom, age and strength in your presence and in the sight of all. We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COLLECT

We remain standing while the president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ during this holy season

**All True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory
Amen**

Please sit for the readings

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50. 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Short silence

SECOND READING: Philippians 2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above

every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Short silence

Please stand to sing

THE GRADUAL HYMN - 511

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Evangelist says:

Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

No response is made.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

*We keep silence for a few moments, followed by a short sermon.
Silence is kept after the sermon.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel to pray

At the end of each prayer

All Lord, have mercy.

At the end

**All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have
mercy upon us.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Please stand

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the
shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN - 84

During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. If you are a UK tax-payer, please use a Gift Aid envelope to maximize the value of your offering, being sure to fill in your name and address.

The gifts of bread and wine and our offerings will be brought to the altar

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

All Amen

Please remain standing for

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because for our salvation he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of life was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria, gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,

In nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,

Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.

Please sit or kneel

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen

A brief silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Agnus Dei:

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem,
Pacem.**

Settings by Richard Terry

If you are a full member of a Christian Church you are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would like instead to receive a blessing please come to the altar rail carrying this service book.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - 305

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen

**All Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen**

SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK

We welcome the children from Sunday Club who have joined us for Communion and hear what they have been doing today.

After the notices, please stand to sing

THE FINAL HYMN - 486

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All Amen

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All Amen

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

All Amen

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

***You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service.
(Turn right outside church door)***

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ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD – WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Today: Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins today and we start our journey towards Easter by marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Golden Palm crosses will be available, but we are also inviting you to bring along green or flowering shrub branches to carry in the Parish Communion procession. This is a long tradition in mainland Europe and is in effect our 'local' spring palms.

During Holy Week we shall be offering services every evening – please see leaflet – and a special Family Service in the morning of Good Friday, as well as an afternoon devotion.

On Wednesday in Holy Week, we will have a Christian Passover celebration at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room. This will require a ticket (£2.50 each to cover costs, and is limited to 25 people - **please sign up today & bring a knife, fork & spoon on the evening**). The celebration will help us to understand how our Christian Eucharist developed out of the 'Last Supper' Jesus celebrated the night before his death.

Holy Week & Easter Services: Leaflets are available at the back of church explaining our services for Holy Week and Easter. Please take one home and also distribute to neighbours.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Wed. 17th April in the Memorial Hall. This is when all local organizations (not just the Parish Council) report on their activities during the year and answer your questions.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Sun. 28th Apr. after the Parish Communion in the Community Room. Formal notices for the APCM have been posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC members will be available next weekend at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year (inc. currently serving PCC members please) will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please. An apology list is available at the back of church.

The relevant paperwork for this meeting will be available next Sunday 21st April, at the back of the church for those who have not received electronic copies. Please ensure that you collect and read the papers and **BRING THEM** with you on 28th April. For PCC members and other members of the congregation whose email addresses are known, the relevant papers will be **sent electronically**. Copies of the full financial statement and restoration accounts are available for inspection at the back of church; please **do not remove them**.

The **Electoral Roll** is now closed. Only members whose names are listed on it can vote at the APCM. It will be open again after the APCM. Wendy Seekings

Christian Aid Cyclone Idai Appeal: Sincere thanks for your generous response to the appeal which raised £366, with some donations being gift aided. A total of £378.50 has been sent to Christian Aid.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers have asked for their thanks to be expressed to everyone who contributed to the collection sent from our parish last week. As always, it is very much valued and appreciated. Our next collection takes place on Sunday 5th May.

Ringling Gallery proposals: The Tower committee have produced some proposals to install a ringling gallery in the tower area. The gallery would likely be accessed from the tower steps and enable the ringling team to be off the floor of the Baptistry and yet still seen from the church. It would also give them slightly more storage area and better health and safety arrangements. The Tower have indicated that they may be able to cover the

costs of the works from a donor, so there would be no call on PCC funds. You will find a copy of the proposals at the back of church and please do speak to members of the Tower for further information. The Churchwardens and I would be very keen to hear your feedback, before the PCC formally considers the proposals at their May meeting.

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.

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. If you wish to make your donation by card payment, please speak to one of the Sidespersons.

Alms Giving 2019: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in April will be going to Mission to Seafarers. 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 with procession and blessing of Palms
18:30 Requiem by Gabriel Faure at St. Andrew's, Stapleford

Monday to Wednesday
Monday to Thursday
09:00 Morning Prayer
17:00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th April, 2019
09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st April, 2019
06:30 Dawn Service (Magog Down)
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.

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