

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 7th April, 2019 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: Lift high the cross	Gradual: 84
Offertory: 439	Communion: 95 Choir: Drop, drop slow tears
Final: And can it be	

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,
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Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Hymn: Lift high the cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn soldier of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their faces to rever. *Refrain*

Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
the sons of Adam their lost home regain. *Refrain*

From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Refrain*

From farthest regions let their homage bring,
and on his Cross adore their Savior King. *Refrain*

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*

Hymn: And Can it Be

And can it be, that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

(repeat last two lines)

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. *(rpt)*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace,
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me! *(rpt)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. *(rpt)*

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. (rpt)**

08:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 43. 16 - 21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3. 4b - 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal ;but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12. 1 - 8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**



Hello Children Where is Mary Mouse hiding?

Sunday Club normally meets on the first Sunday of each month. However, after meeting last week to help celebrate Mothering Sunday, the next meeting will be on Sunday 5th May. 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

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. Jenny's funeral took place at St Mary's on Friday 5th April. We give thanks for her life, and continue to hold Philip and the family in our prayers.

Cambridge City Foodbank: A reminder that our monthly collection takes place **today**. 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/>

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins next Sun. 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 - **please sign up today**) to cover costs and is limited to 25 people. 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.

Deanery Spring Fair - Thank you for your support for the Fair last Sat. which raised £1,500 for the YouthInc project in the Deanery. After the first full year of the project, the Deanery Youth Worker is making a real difference. Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair.

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 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 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 fourth session we discussed the nature of Christian love, and the ways in which we feel and show love for one another, including those whom it is not so easy to love.

The last session, on 9th April, will be "The Call to Christ". All are very welcome.

Preparation of a new Parish Church Electoral Roll: The new Electoral Roll is now closed and further application must wait until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28th April. Only those on the new Electoral Roll can vote at the meeting.

Ringling Gallery proposals: The Tower committee have produced some proposals to install a ringing gallery in the tower area. The gallery would likely be accessed from the tower steps and enable the ringing 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 on the noticeboard 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.

Songs of Praise: We will be having another Songs of Praise on 12th 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.

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 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 18:30 Evensong
Monday to Friday	09:00 Morning Prayer 18:00 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10th April, 2019	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 14th April, 2019	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00 Parish Communion 18:30 Requiem by Gabriel Faure at St. Andrew's, Stapleford

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator. **07/04/19**