

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 12th May, 2019 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10:00 Parish Communion

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: 374</b>	<b>Gradual: 458</b>
<b>Offertory: 104</b>	<b>Communion: 307</b>
<b>Final: Great is thy faithfulness</b>	

**Gloria:**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.** *David Thorne*

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** *David Thorne*

**Agnus Dei:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.** *David Thorne*

**Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness**

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,**

**There is no shadow of turning with thee;**

**Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;**

**As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

**Refrain**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided,**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain***

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

**08:00 Holy Communion      10:00 Parish Communion**

**First Reading: Genesis 8. 6 - 18**

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

**Second Reading: Acts 9. 36 - 43**

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Gospel: John 10. 22 - 30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Hello Children** Where is Mary Mouse hiding?

**Sunday Club** meets on the first Sunday of each month. 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.

#### **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)

**Donations & Payments by Card:** The PCC has taken delivery of a card payment device which can accept bank and credit cards for donations and payments. If you wish to make your donation by card, please speak to one of the Sidespersons.

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

**Easter Season:** The Easter season continues for the next three weeks, concluding with the celebration of Pentecost on Sun. 9th June. We shall transfer Ascension Day to the next Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Kigali Sunday:** Since 2014 the Diocese of Ely has had a formal link with Kigali Diocese in Rwanda. There have been visits every year either from Ely to Kigali, or from Kigali to Ely, and several parishes and church schools within the diocese have parish-to-parish or school-to-school links. The relationships between our two dioceses have meant that we have learned from each other, supported each other and prayed for each other. Last year I was privileged to be part of the diocesan team visiting Rwanda. During the two weeks I was there we visited lots of different churches, both in the city of Kigali and in more rural areas, schools, hospitals and even a prison. We were very warmly welcomed wherever we went and learned so much. It was a joy to join in worship in the churches we visited and to experience the amazing hospitality and generosity of the people we met. This Sunday (12th) is Kigali Sunday, when churches around the diocese will be celebrating our link and praying for our fellow Christians in Kigali diocese. I will bring some pictures from my trip for people to look at. Nicola Bown.

**Songs of Praise:** We shall be holding a special Songs of Praise service today at **6pm** (please note the earlier time). Refreshments (tea, coffee and cakes) will be available in the Community Room for 5pm.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** The organisers send their thanks for the donations sent from our parish last week. They are most grateful for our continued support.

**Christian Aid Week:** May 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> is Christian Aid Week this year. We no longer collect door to door, but envelopes will be handed out for our own donations, to be collected on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>; or they can be sent direct to Christian Aid. Thank you.

**The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church** will hold the **Annual General Meeting** in the Community Room on **Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm**. The AGM will be followed by a short illustrated Talk entitled The Future of the Cambridge Green Belt given by our secretary Dr Anthony Cooper. Whether or not you are a member of the Friends, do please come.

**Next Sunday:** There will be a Taize style service at St Andrew's Stapleford at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**Granta Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm:** The parishes of the Deanery are invited to gather together for a Eucharist to celebrate Ascension Day on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at All Saints church, Castle Camps. Lifts will be available; please contact the Churchwardens.

The guest preacher on this occasion will be the recently appointed Diocesan Director of Ordinands, The Rev'd Dr Megan Daffern. Megan started work in her new role on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Pilgrim house group:** There will be no meeting on Tuesday 14 May. But back to normal on Tuesday 21 May, meeting at 68 High Street at 7.30 pm.

Our new book is Everyday God by Paula Gooder. We shall be studying pages 23 - 26. We discussed Moses and the burning bush at our first meeting and finding the time and curiosity to at least notice our own 'mini' hints of a burning bush, and allowing God to help us make decisions.

**Proposed ringing gallery - St Mary's Church, Great Shelford, Cambridge:** The bell-ringers at St Mary's are investigating the possibility of installing a new ringing room floor in the tower of the church. This floor would be approximately 2.5m above the present floor level over the baptistery area and have either a glazed or timber balcony overlooking the nave. There used to be a dedicated ringing floor years ago and the ringers are keen to reinstate this. It will be easier to ring the bells from this higher level as well as giving the ringers their own dedicated space to practice their art, as the current arrangements are rather spartan. This gallery proposal would be similar to others that have been installed in so many other churches.

A project is already in hand to smarten up the porch and entrance area of the church, and the ringers hope that their proposals can be considered at the same time, to help maintain unity of style. There is a folder available to read at the back of the church, containing the outline proposals and a sketch to give an idea of what the ringing floor might look like within the tower. However, this, and another available sketch, are only suggestions; if the project were to go ahead, the design submitted would be produced by the church architect.

An **Open Meeting** will be held in the church on Thursday 4th July, at 7.30pm. This is to provide a forum for thorough discussion of the proposals, and to gauge the level of support for, or feelings against, the installation of such a gallery. It will also assist the PCC (with whom the decision rests as to whether the project is taken forward) and the church architect, in the drawing up of any final design. We hope to encourage **as many people as possible** to attend this meeting, to get the widest understanding of what is proposed, and for all interested individuals and groups to add their opinions, comments and suggestions to the discussion.

If you would like to meet the ringers and learn this wonderful skill then please contact Ann Seaman (mob. 07710 452647)

**New Bishop of Huntingdon Announced:** Downing Street announced on Tue. 7th May, that the next Bishop of Huntingdon will be The Rev'd Canon Dr Dagmar Winter. She will be East Anglia's first female Bishop. The Queen has approved the nomination of Canon Dr Dagmar Winter, Rector of Hexham, in the Diocese of Newcastle, to the Suffragan See of Huntingdon in the Diocese of Ely. It is likely that Dagmar will be Consecrated Bishop in early July and take up her new role in Sept. I know Dagmar a little through General Synod (she is also a member) and I think she will make a fine Bishop. She has extensive rural ministry experience and is an able scholar. Please remember Dagmar in your prayers in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the appointment by following this link: <https://www.elydiocese.org//article?id=2567>

**Temporary accommodation needed:** The Casswell family (regular members of the congregation), Nick, Sally & son Sebastian (4), are looking for temporary accommodation to rent toward the end of June (weeks in duration) in Shelford or the surrounding area whilst they complete a house move. Our belongings will be in storage, and we would not need to move with anything other than items for everyday living. If you have anything suitable to rent, please would you let Nick know, on 07505099219 or [nickcasswell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickcasswell@yahoo.co.uk). Many thanks and all best wishes.

**Alms Giving 2019:** The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in May will be going to Jimmy's Night Shelter. 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.

<b>Today</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>10:00 Parish Communion</b> <b>18:00 Songs of Praise</b>
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>09:00 Morning Prayer</b> <b>18:00 Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th May, 2019</b>	<b>09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)</b>

**Sunday 19th May, 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.

**12/05/19**