

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 28th July, 2019 - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10:00 Parish Communion

Hymns

Opening: Lift high the cross (omit vv 3 - 7)	Gradual: 357
Offertory: O God, you search me	Communion: 358
Final: 499	

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:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 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: Lift high the cross (omitting verses 3—7)

1 *Refrain*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

2 Come let us follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God: *Refrain*

8 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,

As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee: *Refrain*

- 9 Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell: *Refrain*
- 10 From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on his cross adore their Saviour King: *Refrain*
- 11 Set up thy throne that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace: *Refrain*
- 12 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before thy throne: *Refrain*

Hymn: O God, you search me

1 O God, you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

2 You know my resting and my rising,
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known it's meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

4 Although your spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

5 For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

First Reading: Genesis 18. 20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.'

The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Second Reading: Colossians 2. 6 - 19

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel: Luke 11. 1 - 13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mary Mouse set off for her summer holiday during the week. She hopes that you all have a very happy summer and looks forward to seeing you again, and hearing about your adventures in September.

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

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

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 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 **today from 5.30pm**, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. 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**.

For more information or to get involved, please email: connectservice.cambs@gmail.com or jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

Marriage congratulations: Congratulations to Joe & Julia Alderson who celebrated their marriage at St Mary's on Fri. It was a very special occasion for the village as Julia is the Year 6 teacher and RE lead at our primary school. The school choir sung during the service, together with members of Joe and Julia's family. A memorable day!

Cambridge City Foodbank collection: A reminder that our monthly collection takes place next week, **Sunday 4th August**. 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/>

Tea in the garden: Last Wednesday's tea party was the perfect way to spend a very warm afternoon. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and £465 was raised for the Friends. Trevor and Richard thank all who helped in any way to make it happen - and we all thank them for being such wonderful hosts!

General Synod: Sincere thanks for your prayers and support during the Group of Sessions in York which ended on 9th July. We covered a range of topics, including detailed questions on Safeguarding, which was again really challenging. We looked at the role of Cathedrals and their future governance and had two presentations which were more 'outward focused' - knife crime and refugee professionals. A full agenda kept us all busy during the good weather. There will shortly be copies available at the back of church of a full account of the Groups of Sessions from one of the Ely lay representatives.

The Pilgrim Group will not meet formally over the summer period and will restart on September 10th 2019. From Tuesday 30 July to September 3 we shall meet in church at 7.30 pm for 30 min of quiet prayer, starting on 30 July with Compline.

We have been studying some of the unsung heroes of the bible, most recently with the unnamed boy in the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We discussed ways of being generous with our money and our skills and how we can try to match God's rich generosity to us.

Way of Life: God's name is not God. God is not a man. God is not a woman. Can we describe what God is, rather than what he is not? Is the name "God" so pre-loaded as to be unhelpful? Why does God remain hidden? Rev Dr Nicola Bown will lead our session this Wednesday, 31st July, but YOU set the agenda; bring your thoughts and your questions, or simply be there. In the Community Room, at approx. 10.30am, after tea, coffee and cake from 10.00am.

Joint Vicarage Tea Party: We will be holding a joint Tea Party in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting; if not indoors!) on Sun. 11th August, from 3-5pm. Please bring and share food, already prepared and plated up; tea will be provided. **Please sign the list** at the back of church if you can bring some food, indicating what you are willing to provide.

This will be a shared event with St Andrew's, Stapleford. Do come along and bring friends and neighbours, to enjoy the garden, meet old friends and make new ones.

Singles lunch: Each 2nd Sunday of the month a group of people from St. Mary's and St. Andrew's meet for lunch at the Arthur Rank Hospice Bistro. If you would like to join them, the next one is on Sunday 11th August. Please would you let Joan Barnes know so that she can reserve seats. Joan's contact details are Tel 842504 or email joanbarnes90@outlook.com Why not give it a try!

Bell gallery: The PCC has voted in favour of the proposed ringing gallery, subject to the bellringers' assurances that the entire cost will be met by themselves and by a large donation from an anonymous donor. The next step will be for the church architect to produce a design, in consultation with the ringers. The process of applying for a faculty can then be started.

Alms Giving 2019: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in July will be going to SSSI. 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
Wednesday 31st July, 2019	09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 4th August, 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. **28/07/19**