Sunday 2nd February, 2020 - The Presentation of Christ
10.00 Parish Communion

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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'ny 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: I come with joy to meet my Lord

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as His people in the world,
we'll live and speak His praise.

Hymn: Christ, be our light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
   Longing for truth, we turn to you.
   Make us your own, your holy people,
   Light for the world to see.

Refrain
   Christ, be our light!
   Shine in our hearts.
   Shine through the darkness.
   Christ, be our light.
   Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
   Longing for hope, many despair.
   Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
   Make us your living voice.

Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
   Longing for water, many still thirst.
   Make us your bread, broken for others,
   Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
   Longing for warmth, many are cold.
   Make us your building, sheltering others,
   Walls made of living stones.

Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
   Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
   Let us be servants to one another,
   Making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Hymn: Shine, Jesus, shine

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining
   In the midst of darkness shining
   Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
   Set us free by the truth You now bring us
   Shine on me, shine on me

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
   From the shadows into Your radiance
   By the blood I may enter Your brightness
   Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
   Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain
First Reading: Malachi 3. 1 - 5
Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2. 14 - 18
Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2. 22 - 40
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer:
Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen
Hello Children Is Mary Mouse hiding in church today?

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

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

Today: We are keeping the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) today. The church turns away from the manger and starts to look towards the Cross.

Marriage Banns: Please pray for Stephen Chetwynd and Rachel Bartrop whose Banns are being read from 2nd Feb., as they prepare for their marriage in early spring.

Gt. & Lt. Shelford Primary School Candlemas Service: You are invited to join the school at their Candlemas Service at St Mary's on Mon. 3rd Feb. at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

The Rev'd. Tim Fyffe RIP: We announced recently that Tim died in Addenbrooke's on 12th Jan. after a short stay in hospital. His funeral will take place on Monday 17th February, with a Requiem Eucharist at St. Mary's at 12:00. There will be a Reception at Great Shelford Rugby Club after the service. A private family cremation will follow later in the afternoon at Cam Valley Crematorium. Tim's cremated remains will be interred in later February or early March in Wolverhampton, after a Memorial Service in the city; his remains will join those of his wife and son in Wolverhampton.

Please continue to remember Tim's daughter, Margaret, and the extended family, in these days before the funeral.

Children's Area: Work is starting this week to extend and update the children's area, as agreed by the PCC at their November meeting. The remaining five short pews on the north aisle will be removed, and the whole area recarpeted and refurnished, with a storage banquette being installed along the north wall, bookshelves, and a children's altar. This work is being done under a temporary licence from the Archdeacon, which lasts 15 months; if it is a success, a faculty will be applied for to make it permanent. The pews will be stored meanwhile.
Children’s Society Collection Boxes: Please let me have your ‘filled’ collection boxes by the end of February. Over many years, St Mary's supported the work of the Children's Society by fund raising activities throughout the year. Now our giving is just through the boxes and the collections taken at our Children’s Christmas Services - £372 in 2019. The Society works with the most vulnerable children and young people in Britain and needs so much help. If not already a ‘box holder’ please let me know if you would like to help by having your own collection box. Many thanks Dorothy Doel

General Synod: General Synod meets in London next week from Mon. 10th to Thurs. 13th. I will be attending full time - please pray for all those involved in the Synod as we address a fairly packed agenda.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place today. All donations are appreciated. A list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website. https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Venue of Next Pilgrim Meeting

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The Pilgrim House Group will be meeting as shown above. For the last 2 weeks we have been discussing some very well-known parables – The workers in the vineyard, The lost sheep, The lost coin and The prodigal son. We discussed the generosity of God who welcomes everyone to his kingdom, even those who have only recently repented, and ways of being as generous as God. In these stories, we are also encouraged to celebrate when someone (or thing) is found. Our English stiff upper lip tells us not to brag or show off when we celebrate but we agreed we should share our joys more readily and willingly, and be tuned in to notice when to celebrate.

Everyone welcome. Please phone Anne on 07745 562702 for more details

Alms Giving 2020: The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in February will be going to USPG. 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.

Sunday 2nd February, 2020
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evensong - by candle for Candlemas

Monday to Friday
09:00 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5th February, 2020
09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 9th February, 2020
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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