Sunday 16th February, 2020 - Second Sunday before Lent
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, Heavenly 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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to
discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, 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: For the healing of the nations

1 For the healing of the nations,
   Lord, we pray with one accord,
   For a just and equal sharing
   Of the things that earth affords.
   To a life of love in action
   Help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom,
   From despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life’s brief span.

4 You, creator-God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

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: Genesis 1. 1 - 2.3
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let
there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Second Reading: Romans 8. 18 - 25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: Matthew 6. 25 - 34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—yes of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all
these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.’

**Post Communion Prayer:**
God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

**Marriage Banns:** Please pray for Stephen Chetwynd and Rachael Bartrop whose Banns are being read today for the final time, as they prepare for their marriage in early spring in Thaxted.

**The Rev'd. Tim Fyffe RIP:** Tim's funeral will take place tomorrow, 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.

**Electoral Roll Revision:** It is the time of year when we need to revise the church Electoral Roll. Please check that your details are correct on the list at the back of church and let me know if they need to be updated. If your name is not on the list, please take a form from the back of the church and return it to me when it is completed. The revision closes on Sun. 29th March. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings).

**Children's Area:** The work on the north aisle has been completed and thanks to Nicola and Gillian Pett for taking a lead on this and contributing much time and energy to the project. 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.

**General Synod:** Thanks for your prayers for Synod members last week as they met in London. Simon will provide a brief summary of proceedings in due course.

**Venue of Next Pilgrim Meeting**

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This week we discussed the story from Mark’s Gospel of Jesus sending out his very new disciples on their first ministry. They were not very well prepared and they took no creature comforts with them. We talked about what it means to be a disciple today and how we could be better at it. We don’t have to wait to be ready. There is always more learning to be done and we can learn to give service, teaching and love as we go along. Everyone welcome. Please phone Anne on 07745 562702 for more details.

**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 **next Sun. 23rd February, from 5.30pm**, where there will 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

**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

**Ash Wednesday - 26th Feb.:** Lent this year begins on Wed. 26th Feb. We shall mark the start of the season of repentance and renewal with an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes at all services. The regular 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) will be held, together with an evening celebration of Holy Communion (CW) at 7.30pm. Do make an effort to come to one of these services so that we can support one another at the start of Lent. There will be a **Way of Life** discussion on the subject of Lent at 10.30 in the Community Room.

**Crowns & Gowns - An Exhibition** -01 Feb 2020 - 15 Mar 2020: A fabulous collection of costumes, jewels, props, behind the scenes images and memorabilia from some of the major Hollywood movies filmed at Ely Cathedral. This fascinating exhibition in the Lady Chapel will showcase some of the most iconic gowns and outfits from Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Other Boleyn Girl, The King's Speech, Macbeth, and The Crown. These productions brought global award winning actors to the Cathedral including Cate Blanchett, Scarlett Johansson, Natalie Portman, Michael Fassbender, Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.

**Tickets:** On the door: Standard Cathedral admission fee including entrance to the exhibition £8
Cathedral Pass Holders admission to the exhibition £5
Sunday Admission to the exhibition £5
Children under 16 free (when accompanied by a paying adult)

**Exhibition Opening Times:** Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm
Sunday: Midday - 3.45pm

**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.
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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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