

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 8th March, 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Hymns**

<b>Opening: 148</b>	<b>Gradual: 63</b>
<b>Offertory: 383</b>	<b>Communion: 305</b>
<b>Final: 485</b>	

**Kyrie Eleison:**

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**  
**Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.**  
**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**Sanctus/Benedictus**

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.**  
**Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria, gloria tua.**  
**Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis.**  
**Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,**  
**In nomine Domini.**  
**Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,**  
**Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.**

**Agnus Dei:**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,**  
**Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.**  
**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,**  
**Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.**  
**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,**  
**Dona nobis pacem,**  
**Pacem.** *Settings by Richard Terry Short Mass in C*

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

**First Reading: Genesis 12. 1 - 4a**

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

**Second Reading: Romans 4. 1 - 5, 13 - 17**

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his

descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### **Gospel: John 3. 1 - 17**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

**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

**Today - The Second Sunday of Lent:** As Lent continues, the flavour of our Sunday worship has changed to reflect the penitential character of the season. We omit the Gloria, reserving it for the joy of Eastertide, and the Sunday Parish Communion service booklet for Lent chooses prayers which help us to think about where we stand before God. The Prayer Book Holy Communion services use the full version of the Commandments, again helping us to think about our life and actions.

It would be wrong to characterise Lent as a season of gloom. I like to think of it as a chance to take up things, as much as giving things up, in order that we might better serve our neighbours. What we save can then be donated to help others in need (perhaps via the 'Count Your Blessings' Christian Aid initiative). Do please think about what you are going to do as an 'extra' during Lent - perhaps to come along to one of the special Lent activities. I do hope that we all enjoy the coming six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God.

**Monica's Father:** Monica let me know over last weekend that her father, Edmund, died on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Edmund had a stroke some time ago and had been frail for the last three years. I assured Monica that we would give thanks for Edmund's life and remember the family as they prepare for the funeral.

### **Lent Activities 2020:**

#### **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 today.

#### **LiveLent: Care for God's Creation**

The Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020 focuses on the climate crisis this year. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and to live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. Both adult and children's booklets are available at the back of church. Please take one home with you.

#### **Lent Breakfasts**

There will be Lent breakfasts on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Mar, 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 breakfast.

**Lent Course 2020:** In the forty days of Lent we recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Jesus went into the wilderness to discover who he was and what he was being called by God to do. Our Lent course this year, "Faith Pictures" from the Church Army, asks us similar questions. We'll be thinking about what our faith means to us, and what kind of disciples we can be. The course is very interactive, and the first session combined discussion of deep questions with a lot of laughter. There are five sessions before Easter, and we will meet for the final session after Easter. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 or alternatively on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 in the Community Room.

**Lent Lunches:** The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities, on Fridays 12 noon - 2 pm: 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. - St Mary's Great Shelford; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. - St. Andrew's, Stapleford (in the Johnson Hall); 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Great Shelford Free Church.

The **Deanery Spring Fair** is on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10.00 to 12.00 noon** in the **Memorial Hall**. Please keep the date free - the Deanery needs our support, and again this year the money raised is to support the YouthInc initiative. Your efforts will contribute much needed funding for the youth worker post, and is match funded pound-for-pound by the Ely Diocese Mission Fund. We are now collecting items for the stalls. If you can help with books, bottles, gifts, toys, china & glass, home-made cakes & preserves, prizes, etc, please get in touch with Bob or Dorothy Doel (Tel: 843946). Books need to be with them by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, other items any time ahead of the Fair.

**SSYI Big Breakfast:** In Little Shelford Village Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 8-11 am.

**General Synod report:** As promised, if you would like to know a little more about the recent Group of

Sessions in London, there is a report at the back of church kindly prepared by one of the Ely lay General Synod members.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19):** We would ask you to **refrain** from receiving from the chalice by dipping your wafer (intinction) until further notice. The church has always held that receiving Holy Communion in one kind (either wafer or cup) is sufficient to fully receive. Further advice and information is available on leaflets at the back of the church.

**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. 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings).

**Westminster Abbey Duty Chaplaincy:** The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey are keen to build relationships with parishes outside central London and to widen the participation of parochial and retired clergy in the task of ministering to many thousands of visitors. To this end some clergy are invited to become Duty Chaplains and to offer six days of pastoral cover every year within the Abbey, on a residential basis.

I have been a Duty Chaplain for twelve years and undertake my annual ministry next week (from 15<sup>th</sup> March). The Dean and Chapter are very grateful for the link that this establishes and our Pilgrimage Visit to the Abbey in 2014 was one of the fruits of this relationship. They also offer a very generous free entry pass into the Abbey for visitors from the parish. Please speak to our Administrator for further details.

**Cathedral passes:** Parish passes, which entitle the holder to free entry to Ely Cathedral (standard admission only), are available to anyone who is on the electoral roll of a church in the diocese. If you are on our electoral roll and would like to apply for or renew a pass, please add your details to the application form at the back of church.

**Kneelers:** A group of ladies, and at least one gentleman, have started work on some new kneelers for the church. The cost per kneeler is £54; if you would like to make a contribution, maybe with a dedication, please contact Mrs Margaret Stamper, 845134. Please also contact Margaret if you would like to sew a kneeler yourself; apparently it is very therapeutic!

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** The organisers are grateful for the donations sent from our parish last week and asked for their thanks to be expressed to everyone who contributed to the collection.

**Alms Giving 2020:** The alms on the first Sunday of each month are donated to Shelford School. The alms for the remaining Sundays in March will be going to SSYI. 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 8th March, 2020**  
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evensong

**Monday to Friday**  
09:00 Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 11th March, 2020**  
09:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 15th March, 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.

**08/03/20**