

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 26th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Parish Communion

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded (omit v4)

1. All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.
2. Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.
5. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

Hymn: King of glory, King of peace

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.
2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart

I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xw2jpBwa2lo>

Collect:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

8:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Parish Communion

Gloria:

**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.
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.
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. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Second Reading: Romans 8. 26 - 39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who

is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13. 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Sanctus/Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



Hello Children Mary Mouse is very happy to see you all back in church again! She is social distancing, so cannot be picked up or touched, but she will be in church every Sunday, see if you can spot her.

Sunday Club will not meet until further notice. We will be offering a regular Mary Mouse letter. For details contact Gillian, gillian.pett29@gmail.com

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 Vicar know about all cases of sickness and others for whom we should pray.

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

Before the pandemic we were already concerned about the increasing financial deficit we have been facing for several years. Some of our regular expenses, eg utilities, have been reduced during lockdown, but ongoing expenses have continued. Additionally the provision of sanitiser products, signage and other purchases connected with providing online services has added costs. Our greatest expense by far is the Ministry Share

paid to the Diocese (currently £52,189 pa), which has to be found every month, under all circumstances. We still very much need the support of all our Church members and visitors.

Donations can be made by:

- Parish Giving Scheme (PCC's preferred option)
- Standing Order or Bank transfer
- Donating via the Giving Page on website <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>
- Traditional envelope donations (posted through the vicarage letterbox, or left in the collection box at the back of church). Please write your PIN on the envelope, if you have one.

To help further, at no cost to yourself, please Gift Aid your donations if you are able. Our Treasurer Pat Brown is happy to assist with any of the above. Contact details: phone 07811 563597 or email:

patbrown2591@yahoo.co.uk . Thank you very much for all your support.

From Simon....

It was good to see many of you in the last two Sundays and many thanks for your kind appreciation of the work on our 're-launch'. Please continue to let us have your feedback.

To reiterate, it is for you to decide if you wish to attend public worship again and we shall still make recordings of services available on the website for those who choose not to come at present. This will be in sound only because of the technical issues about video recording or live-streaming at public events. A few things you need to know ahead of our Sunday services:-

Stop Press update:-

- It is strongly advise that **face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship**, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus and that they are **not** a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.
- If you, or any member of your household or bubble, are showing any symptom of Covid-19, **do not come to church**.
- If you are at heightened risk from infection by Covid-19 you are advised not to come to church.
- **Use hand sanitiser on entry and exit, and at need.**
- Keep 2m distance between yourself and anyone not of your own household or bubble; when 2m is not possible, additional protection (eg, facemasks) should be used.
- Register your name and contact phone number with the sidespersons at every service.
- The sidespersons will be on hand to direct you to your seat, to invite you to come up to receive communion, and to ensure that 2m social distance is maintained on leaving the church. Worshippers should remain in their seats until otherwise directed by the sidespersons.
- You are asked to catch coughs and sneezes in the crook of your arm, and to leave the church if the coughing or sneezing fit persists. Used tissues should be taken home for safe disposal, to minimise the risk to those cleaning the church.
- The service books provided at each place should not be shared, and should be left on the seat at the end of the service.
- The weekly pew sheet provided at each place, once touched, should be taken home at the end of the service.
- Singing is not permitted at the moment.
- The Peace should be exchanged by gesture only, maintaining 2m distance.

- Communicants should come up to the communion screen via the central aisle, and return to their seats via the side aisles. Those not taking communion are asked to sit in the south aisle pews, so as not to disrupt the through-flow of communicants returning to their seats.
- Regretfully, there will be no Sunday Club or children's activities in church or in the Community Room until further notice.
- Details of how to make your (much appreciated!) donations by contactless means are published in the pew sheet.
- The Community Room will remain closed until further notice; however, the toilets may be used at request during church services. Hand sanitiser must be used on entry, and hands thoroughly washed after using the toilets.
- If you become ill after attending church, please let the vicar or churchwardens know immediately, as well as informing NHS Test and Trace.

Copies of our current full Risk Assessment and Mitigation Measures, of which the above is a precis, are available at the back of church.

As you will appreciate this is far from returning to what was 'normal' back in Feb., but it is the best that we can achieve at present given the guidance from government. We may well make minor adjustments in the coming weeks, but I anticipate that this will be our 'new normal' for several months to come.

We would welcome your feedback and suggestions as we find a way forward.



ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A very warm welcome to The Rev'd. Dr. Hannah Cleugh, the Bishop of Ely's chaplain, who will be presiding at the morning services today. This is Hannah's return visit and I am very grateful for her kind support.

Wed. Holy Communion celebration: We shall not be restarting the weekly Holy Communion services until the autumn.

Alan Lyne RIP: Alan died on 28th June aged 71, after a long battle with cancer; his funeral took place last Tue at Gt. Shelford Cemetery. Alan and Carole moved to Gt Shelford in the 1980s and settled here; Alan was involved in many community activities, chief of which was the Shelford Feast. Alan had been a member of 'The Bunch' for 22 years and was the link for the annual Fri. evening concerts at St Mary's during the Feast. We give thanks for Alan's life and remember Carole, Matt and Thom at this time.

Praying together as a community

At a time when we are all missing meeting to worship together perhaps there are things that we can do to help us feel that we are still a worshipping community, and that we are all thinking of one another. Here are three simple things that we could all do to pray together for each other and our community.

1. At noon each day we could say the Lord's Prayer. You might like to go to the front door and stand in the doorway because we are praying not just for ourselves but for the whole community.
2. If you have a candle, light it at 7pm on Sunday evenings and put it in your front window. Pray for all those who are ill, all those who are alone, and all those who are caring for others. This looks beautiful and is a sign to other people that we are keeping the light of hope for them.
3. In the evenings before bed we could pray for each other, perhaps by saying the wonderful collect for aid against all perils from the Book of Common Prayer.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services on audio and by Zoom:

Now that we can offer public services, we still want to extend our online offering to those who for very good reason will not yet feel comfortable in attending church. The audio recordings of our Sunday service will be on our web site. <http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>

Unfortunately we are not able to offer Evening Prayer by Zoom this week; normal arrangements next week. The link will be circulated by email.

As you listen you can make a Spiritual Communion. The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The form of prayer below offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for their communion with him, particularly at times when they would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting for those who cannot receive the sacrament at the great feasts of the Church, and it fulfils the duty of receiving Holy Communion 'regularly, and especially at the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun or Pentecost' (Canon B 15).

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

provides a hymn and reflection.

Daily HOPE: This is an excellent new national Church of England initiative for those who are especially isolated and do not have access to the internet. **Daily HOPE** is a freephone line, available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love',

Cambridge City Foodbank: Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Foodbank in the last few months. Now that our church has re-opened, we will again be making a monthly collection on the first Sunday of each month. Our monthly collection will be made **next week, Sunday 2nd August**. 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. You can also donate money directly to the Foodbank, the details of how to do so are on the Cambridge City Foodbank website. <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

We are delighted to welcome visitors to St Mary's for private prayer and reflection.

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10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evening Prayer

Wed. Holy Communion

Cancelled at present

Sunday 2nd August, 2020

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18:30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator.

Small scale marriages and Baptisms are now permitted under quite strict conditions. Please make contact with the Parish Administrator in the first instance.

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