

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 20th September, 2020 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00 Parish Communion**

**Opening hymn: Light's abode, celestial Salem**

1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the highest King;  
O, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets sing!
2. There for ever and for ever  
Alleluya is outpoured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.
3. There no cloud nor passing vapour  
Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from labour,  
There unknown are toil and care.
4. O how glorious and resplendent,  
Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much beauty,  
Full of health, and strong, and free,  
Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!
5. Now with gladness, now with courage,  
Bear the burden on thee laid,  
That hereafter these thy labours  
May with endless gifts be paid,  
And in everlasting glory  
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.
6. Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izXZjGCw1wg>

**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.**

**Collect:**

**God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they  
may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

**First Reading: Jonah 3. 10 - 4. 11**

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

**Second Reading: Philippians 1. 21 - 30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Gradual hymn: Teach me, my God and King**

1. Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things thee to see;  
And what I do in anything  
To do it as for thee!
2. A man that looks on glass,  
On it may stay his eye;  
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
And then the heaven espy.
3. All may of thee partake;  
Nothing can be so mean,  
Which with this tincture, 'for thy sake',  
Will not grow bright and clean.

4. A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgery divine;  
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
Makes that and the action fine.
5. This is the famous stone  
That turneth all to gold;  
For that which God doth touch and own  
Cannot for less be told.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 20. 1 - 16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**Offertory hymn: Light of the minds that know him**

1. Light of the minds that know him:  
May Christ be light to mine;  
My sun in risen splendour,  
My light of truth divine;  
My guide in doubt and darkness,  
My true and living way,  
My clear light ever shining  
My dawn of heaven's day.
2. Life of the souls that love him:  
May Christ be ours indeed;  
The living bread from heaven  
On whom our spirits feed;  
Who died for love of sinners  
To bear our guilty load,  
And make of life's brief journey  
A new Emmaus road.
3. Strength of the wills that serve him:  
May Christ be strength to me,  
Who stilled the storm and tempest,  
Who calmed the tossing sea;  
His Spirit's power to move me,  
His will to master mine,  
His cross to carry daily  
And conquer in his sign.
4. May it be ours to know him  
That we may truly love,

And loving, fully serve him  
As serve the saints above;  
Till in that home of glory  
With fadeless splendour bright,  
We serve in perfect freedom  
Our Strength, our Life, our Light. *(no available link)*

**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.**

**Communion hymn: Father, hear the prayer we offer**

1. Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
Not for ease that prayer shall be,  
But for strength that we may ever  
Live our lives courageously.
2. Not for ever in green pastures  
Do we ask our way to be;  
But the steep and rugged pathway  
May we tread rejoicingly.
3. Not for ever by still waters  
Would we idly rest and stay;  
But would smite the living fountains  
From the rocks along our way.
4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
In our wanderings be our guide;  
Through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKTQGAS7Cs>

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Final hymn: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labour to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
In all I think or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
And hide my simple heart above,  
Above the thorns of choking care,  
The gilded baits of worldly love.

4. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labour on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.
5. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to thy glorious day;
6. For thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

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



**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](mailto: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, e.g. 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](mailto:patbrown2591@yahoo.co.uk) . Thank you very much for all your support.

## ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**Health matters:** I had a routine treatment on Mon. in London (all went well) and because of the present Covid outbreak I have to continue to isolate until Mon.-21<sup>st</sup> Sept. My thanks to Bishop Dagmar who is looking after the services this morning.

**A very warm welcome** to Bishop Dagmar as she makes her first visit to Great Shelford. Welcome also to Dr Peter Harland, making a return visit to stand in for Kim this weekend.

**A warm welcome** if you are visiting us for the first time. Please see the risk assessment on display at the back of church or on our website. A reminder that face masks must be worn at all times during services.

**Evening Prayer:** We have started to offer Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer in church again; after a trial run on alternate Sundays, it will now be held in church on the first Sunday of each month, at 4pm. On all other Sundays, Evening Prayer will be live via Zoom at 6.30pm. A link will be sent out as usual; please contact Simon if you would like to receive this.

**Primrose Harrison RIP:** Primrose died last week after a long battle with illness. She was the organiser of our flower arranging group for several years and will be known to many of you. Her funeral takes place at St Mary's on Tue. at 10.30am followed by a woodland burial at Brinkley. We give thanks for her life and remember her husband John and children Susie, Peter & Andrew.

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

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** Our next collection will be on Sunday 1st Nov. (no grocery collection in Oct. - see below).

**Looking ahead..... Harvest Festival and Gift Day - Sunday 4th October:** A highlight of the autumn is always Harvest Festival and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. The weekend also includes an annual **Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the parish church. We are making a special appeal this year in order to help fund new work across the community. Please consider if you could help - we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Helping to support a full time Vicar so that they have the resources necessary to make an impact is a real gift to the wider community. Please respond to our appeal if you can. This is especially important this year as we have suffered reduced income during the suspension of public services.

The **Harvest Festival giving** this year will be directed to the **Cambridge City Food Bank**. The Food Bank have asked that we make cash donations this year instead of groceries. Their warehouse is quite well stocked at present and logistic problems with social distancing mean they cannot handle bulk donations. Instead they are asking us to support their **fuel-help scheme**, through which they provide gas and electric top-ups to those in need. To help with this please visit their fundraising page where a financial donation can be made direct <https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CambridgeWarmHomes> . We will also be collecting cash donations on 4th Oct.

**Harvest Lunch:** Regretfully we will be unable to have a Harvest Lunch this year, due to the continuing Covid-19 regulations.

**Dedication of kneelers and new pulpit fall:** Sincere thanks to all those who have been working very hard to embroider some new kneelers for St Mary's. I would like to thank Margaret Stamper for organising things and sourcing the kneeler kits. They all look quite splendid - well done all!

We have been trying to find a suitable occasion to dedicate the kneelers and a beautiful new fall for the pulpit produced by Shirley Earle. We intend to do this as part of the **Parish Communion on Harvest Sunday, 4th Oct.** We will keep the kneelers on display together for the remainder of that week so that you can call in and admire the results of lots of loving skill and care.

**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 reasons will not yet feel comfortable in attending church. The audio recording of our Sunday service will be on our web site. <http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>

Sincere apologies - a technical issue arose last weekend and again the recording failed. I hope we can do better this week.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

**Daily HOPE:** This is an excellent 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



CONNECTIONS

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', provides a hymn and reflection.

**Nicola's leaving gift:** Some of you may have been puzzled on reading Nicola's thanks for her leaving gift in a previous pew sheet. At the time of her departure we were in lockdown, but she was still on the mailing list for the pew sheet, so it was not practicable to ask for donations towards her gift. We (Simon, Stella, Bob and Pat) felt that the best thing to do under these circumstances was to make the gift from church funds, until such time as we could ask people if they wished to contribute, being certain that many would wish to do so. Now that we are again, thankfully, able to meet in church, that time has arrived; so, could anyone who would like to mark their appreciation of Nicola's immense contribution to our church life and worship in this way, please put their donation in an envelope marked "Nicola's leaving gift", and place it in the collection plate or box, give it to one of the churchwardens, or put it through the vicarage letterbox. If we receive donations exceeding the amount originally given, the rest will of course be sent on to Nicola. Thank you!

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

**Sunday 20th September, 2020**      08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evening Prayer by Zoom  
link

**Wed. Holy Communion**      Cancelled at present

**Sunday 27th September, 2020**      08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evening Prayer by Zoom  
link

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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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