

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 27th September, 2020 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: All hail the power of Jesu's name

1. All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all.
3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.
4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
5. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all.
6. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.
7. Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmxCpX28-Gc>

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:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Ezekiel 18. 1 - 4, 25 - 32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 1 - 13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gradual hymn: Help us, O Lord, to learn

1. Help us, O Lord, to learn
The truths thy word imparts:
To study that thy laws may be
Inscribed upon our hearts.
2. Help us, O Lord, to live
The faith which we proclaim,
That all our thoughts and words and deeds
May glorify thy name.
3. Help us, O Lord, to teach
The beauty of thy ways,
That all who seek may find the Christ,
And sing aloud his praise. *(no available link)*

Gospel: Matthew 21. 23 - 32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with

one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Offertory hymn: O God, you search me and you know me

1. O God, you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising,
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.
3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.
4. Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
5. For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo

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: O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,

By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4FERL8Xeno>

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-SPYAgCtkw>



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, 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 . Thank you very much for all your support.

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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.

Baptism: We celebrate the Baptism of Austin Jang at St Mary's at noon today. Please pray for Austin, and his parents Deok and Jungmi, godparents and family at this special time.

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.

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

More health matters!: I was informed this week that I have a date for another hospital procedure; day surgery this time under general anaesthetic on Mon. 5th Oct. I will have to isolate from Fri. 2nd. The surgeon advises that I should take 7-14 days sick leave, so I plan to return to work on Sat. 17th Oct.

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/>

Cambridge Month of Accompanied Prayer, November 2020:

Once again the team are offering an opportunity for people to be accompanied once a week by a trained guide in November 2020. Most days and evenings will be possible, to suit you. Due to the pandemic these 'meetings' will be on a virtual platform or by telephone. There will be no charge for participation. We will need to limit the number of participants to 20. Sadly, this year we will be without Sr Anna Hawke who died earlier in the year but we are very keen to continue with the work about which she was so enthusiastic.

An introductory session will be held on Zoom on Sunday 1 November, All Saints Day, at 3pm, followed by the chance to meet with your guide and arrange a mutually convenient time of day.

If you are interested, please email (or ring) for more details and an application form –

Kay Dodsworth: ekdodsworth@gmail.com; 01223 234493 or 07786910406.

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A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

provides a hymn and reflection.

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 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',

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 27th 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 4th October, 2020 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion and
Harvest Festival
16:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

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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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