

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 11th October, 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Lift high the cross

- 1 *Refrain*
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
- 2 Come let us follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God: *Refrain*
- 8 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee: *Refrain*
- 9 Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell: *Refrain*
- 10 From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on his cross adore their Saviour King: *Refrain*
- 11 Set up thy throne that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace: *Refrain*
- 12 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before thy throne: *Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ephp3TVkPVY>

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:

**Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Isaiah 25. 1 - 9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-

matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 4. 1 - 9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gradual hymn: Hymn: The King of love my Shepherd is

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysr43nnjD3w>

Gospel: Matthew 22. 1 - 14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves,

“The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Offertory hymn: Jerusalem the golden

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.
2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.
3. There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.
4. O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iLvN-R13KE>

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: Soul of my Saviour

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.
2. Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tO_is6VPn3w

Post Communion Prayer:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Final hymn: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j48TLIRb4Q>



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

Health matters: I had another hospital procedure last Mon. and thankfully my recovery is progressing well. I plan to return to work on Sat. 17th Oct. **My sincere thanks** to the Rev'd. Dr. Julie Norris who is providing cover for the two Sundays that I am taking as sick leave.

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.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our next grocery collection will be on Sunday 1st Nov.

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.

Services 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 Zoom password is emailed each week. This week, Anne Roberts will be reading the service prepared by Simon.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Sun. **18th Oct. after the Parish Communion in the church.** Formal notices for the APCM are being posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC members are available this week at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year as a new member (currently serving PCC members do not need to do this) will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please. An apology list will also be at the back of church.

Honorary Canon of Ely: It has recently been made public that Bishop Stephen has invited me to become an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral - this came as very pleasant surprise and I was delighted to accept. A Canonry like this is a recognition by the Bishop of the contribution made by the office holder to the life of the Diocese and wider community. I will join 24 other clergy who hold this title in the Diocese, together with five lay Canons. We are asked to make a small contribution to the life and worship of the Cathedral and have our own 'seat' in the Choir when we attend Cathedral services. I will be installed during Choral Evensong on Mon 9th Nov at 5.30pm. It is a public service, so if anyone would like to be present, I would welcome your support.

Two new Lay Canons have also appointed from Granta Deanery - Lizzie Taylor & Rob Needle, who both worship at St Andrew's, Stapleford. They will be installed at a separate service on 16th Oct.

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 –

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Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) Report: You will no doubt have seen the coverage in the press this week about the publication of the report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) into the Anglican Church in England and Wales. The Archbishop of Canterbury issued this statement in response:-

“To fail on safeguarding casts a profound stain across every good thing we do. I have said this before and I continue to stand by it. But I am acutely aware as we come towards the end of this year that while there is a genuine commitment for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults to be the highest priority of all parts of the Church, it is evident we still have not got it right.

The report published today is a stark and shocking reminder of how so many times we have failed – and continue to fail - survivors. Apologies are vital, but they are not enough. We have to listen. We have to learn. And we have to act.

In calling for the enquiry, through a letter to the then Home Secretary Theresa May in 2014, I was aware that although it would be something that survivors had demanded it would also be a deeply painful process to tell their stories. I am very grateful to them for their courage. We cannot and will not make excuses and I must again offer my sincere apologies to those who have been abused, and to their families, friends and colleagues.

There is clearly much to respond to and an in-depth consideration of today's report is vital. IICSA has shone a light on the past and present to help us better inform our future safeguarding work. They are owed our thanks which we give wholeheartedly. I pray this report and its recommendations will result in the changes needed to make our Church a safer place for all, now and for future generations.”

Clearly we need to continue to pray for those whose lives have been deeply scarred by historic abuse



0800 804 8044
DailyHOPE

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',

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

Sunday 11th October, 2020

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evening Prayer by Zoom
link

Sunday 18th October, 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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