

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 4th October, 2020 - Harvest Festival
10.00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home!
2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.
4. Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccVEjKfKAV4>

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:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Deuteronomy 8. 7 - 18

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gradual hymn: We plough the fields, and scatter

1. We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:

Refrain: *All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread: *Refrain*

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts: *Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FqdCskC0QE>

Gospel: Luke 12. 16 - 30

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Offertory hymn: To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

1. To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.
2. And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first-fruits of thy blessing;
By thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us daily bread,
Give us the bread eternal.
3. We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest is for the weary;
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
To garners bright elected.
4. O blessèd is that land of God,
Where saints abide for ever;
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,

Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours to-day are blending;
Thrice blessed is the harvest-song
Which never hath an ending.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_3e-Rb3ebc

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: Gifts of bread and wine

1. Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love,
Taken offered, sanctified,
Blessed and broken, words of one who died:

Refrain

*'Take my body,
Take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine:
Christ our Lord.*

2. Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
As he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.' *Refrain*
3. To the Father, with the Spirit,
One in union with the Son,
For God's people, joined in prayer,
Faith is strengthened by the food we share. *Refrain*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-NLrnyjHo4&list=RD7-NLrnyjHo4&start_radio=1

Post Communion Prayer: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

2. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*
3. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,

That brightens up the sky; *Refrain*

4. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, -
He made them every one; *Refrain*
5. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day; - *Refrain*
6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J22y9QRFuqM>



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 am having another hospital procedure; day surgery this time under general anaesthetic tomorrow morning. The surgeon advises that I should take 7-14 days sick leave, so 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 will be off.

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.

Today - Harvest Festival and Gift Day: 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.

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

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!

Today the kneelers will be dedicated during the Parish Communion together with a beautiful new fall for the pulpit produced by Shirley Earle. We will keep the kneelers on display together for the remainder of the week so that you can call in and admire the results of lots of loving skill and care.

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.

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/>

Marriage on Sat: Please pray for Hannah Gilchrist & James Dennis as they celebrate their marriage this coming Sat. My sincere thanks to The Rev'd. Susan Bowden-Pickstock, my colleague at Harston et al, for taking the service.

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 will be available next weekend 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 just been made public that Bishop Stephen has invited me to become an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral - this came as rather a shock, but 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 been 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 –

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 4th October, 2020

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion and Harvest Festival
16:00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wed. Holy Communion

Cancelled at present

Sunday 11th 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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