

**The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford**



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 10th January, 2021 - The Baptism of Christ
10:00 Parish Communion**

Opening hymn: Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.
3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne - the Infinite!
Who lives and loves - and saves.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiJYgC_6AFc&list=RDFiJYgC_6AFc&start_radio=1

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 Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your
Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born
again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children; 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: Genesis 1. 1 - 5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading: Acts 19. 1 - 7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gradual hymn: The sinless one to Jordan came

1. The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.
2. Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.
3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.

4. How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people's foes.
5. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.
6. On you shall all your people feed
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

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Gospel: Mark 1. 4 – 11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Offertory hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9-C5UJJbHo>

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 love, how deep, how broad, how high!

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. He sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And he himself to this world came.
3. For us baptized, for us he bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us to wicked men betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;
For us he bore the cross's death;
For us at length gave up his breath.
5. For us he rose from death again,
For us he went on high to reign,
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6. All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: God is working his purpose out

1. God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea.
2. From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea.'
3. What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea?
4. March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ
unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout
the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea.
5. All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely
be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters
cover the sea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr3goa3DXsw>



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

From Simon

We now know that we are back in a lock-down for the coming weeks but I am pleased to say that we can still offer public worship and keep our church buildings open for visits and prayer. In doing this we all need to be **much more vigilant**, as the new strain of Covid is very easily transmissible. Keeping at least a 2m distance and staying in your seats until invited to move **will be vital**. Also, please ensure that any social interaction after the service is kept to a minimum and respects the 2m+ distancing. If we all do our bit, we can help each other in the long run.

There are no changes to the arrangements for funerals and burials; Baptisms can continue, but weddings can now only take place in exceptional circumstances. The situation does look bleak, in particular for all those who are hard at work in the NHS, but at least we know that the vaccination programme offers hope for those in vulnerable groups.

Please keep those working in the NHS in your prayers, together with all those in the education sector as they work hard to offer on line teaching and care for vulnerable children and those from key worker families.

Do take care and look after yourselves in the coming week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers have asked for their thanks to be expressed to everyone who contributed to our collection last week. As always, it is very much appreciated. Our next collection will be made on February 7th, 2021. In the meantime, if you wish to make a donation to support this very valuable work, please visit the Food Bank website: <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-funds/>

Marie Robinson RIP: Marie died just after Christmas in the Cambridge Care Home, where she had been a resident for nearly three years. Her funeral will take place at Cam Valley Crematorium on Mon. 18th Jan. at 1pm. We give thanks for her life and remember her family as they prepare for the funeral.

Hon. Canon of Ely Cathedral: My collation and installation as an Hon. Canon of the Cathedral is on Sat. 23rd January during Choral Evensong at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. I would very much welcome your support on the day - please do come along.

Christmas Collections: Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections at the Christmas services; a total of £240 was raised for the Children's Society at the two churchyard services, and £113 for Christian Aid at Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

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', 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

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

Sunday 10th January, 2021

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

Sunday 17th January, 2021

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. **10/01/21**