

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 24th January, 2021 - The Third Sunday of Epiphany
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: I come with joy

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRL_fi52iQU

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 God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 14. 17 - 20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem

brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading: Revelation 19. 6 -10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gradual hymn: Christ is the King

1. Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice: *Alleluya*.
2. The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new: *Alleluya*.
3. Then magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days: *Alleluya*.
4. O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then: *Alleluya*.
5. Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim: *Alleluya*.
6. Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light: *Alleluya*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= lccZng7K M>

Gospel: John 2. 1 - 11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Offertory hymn: Father, Lord of all creation

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
Ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;

Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.

2. Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love, as sisters, brothers,
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love the world may see.

3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
Never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5fqJaLg3uq>

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 Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Final hymn: Forth in the peace of Christ we go

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
4. Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ restores
True peace, true love, to all mankind.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eav52FC1Nig>



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

As the lock-down carries on, thank you for continuing to be **highly vigilant** so that we can still offer 'live' worship in church. A reminder that keeping at least a 2m distance and staying in your seats until invited to move **is vital**. Also, please ensure that any social interaction after the service is kept to a minimum and respects the 2m+ distancing. You are all doing very well - thank you for complying..

The situation continues to look bleak, in particular for all those who are hard at work in the NHS, but the vaccination programme appears to be making good progress and 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.



Evening Service by Zoom: We have decided to change the time of the Evening Service by Zoom from 6.30pm to 4pm. This will mean that all our Sunday evening services will be at the same time.

Avril Povey RIP: Avril had been a resident at the Cambridgeshire Care Home in the village for nearly three years and was in regular contact with our pastoral team. She died in the care home on 28th Dec. Her funeral will take place at St Mary's on Mon. 1st Feb. at 2pm, followed by a private cremation. We give thanks for Avril's life and remember her family at this time.

Richard West RIP: Richard lived in Gt. Shelford since the 1950s and until retirement was Professor of Botany at the University. He died on 30th Dec in Addenbrooke's after a short illness, aged 94. Richard's funeral will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 2nd Feb. at 2pm, followed by a burial in the village cemetery. We give thanks for Richard's life and remember his son, Stephen and his step-sister, as they mourn the loss of their father.

The Tuesday house group has continued to meet throughout the year, but this has by necessity been by Zoom. We have discussed a range of subjects including following prayer courses by Justin Welby and Pete Greig which provided online videos to watch. We have also used Bishops Dagmar's weekly reflection as a starting point.

Currently we are following Connect - contemporary crises and everyday faith, a series of booklets exploring the relationship between Christian faith and some of the pressing social issues of our time such as homelessness, modern slavery, waste and exploitation.

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/resource/connect-booklets/>

A series of six booklets exploring the relationship between Christian faith and some of the most pressing issues...

Our meetings start at 8pm on a Tuesday and currently last 40 mins (due to the constraints of Zoom). New members are very welcome and the meetings are open to all. You are very welcome to attend occasionally. Please contact me on anneroberts2020@yahoo.co.uk or 07745 562702 for details of the zoom link. Anne Roberts



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

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 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

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

Sunday 24th January, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 Evening Prayer by Zoom
Link (please noted time change
from today)

Sunday 31st January, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 Evening Prayer by Zoom
Link (please note time change)

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator. **24/01/21**