

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 7th February, 2021 - The Second Sunday before Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: All creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*Refrain: O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice: *Refrain*
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light: *Refrain*
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show: *Refrain*
5. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluya!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care: *Refrain*
6. And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod: *Refrain*
7. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One: *Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJRqM45Y8Gk>

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Proverbs 8. 1, 22 - 31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Second Reading: Colossians 1. 15 - 20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gradual hymn: Come, let us join our cheerful songs

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'To be exalted thus;'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'For he was slain for us.'
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever thine.
4. Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

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

Gospel: John 1. 1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Offertory hymn: Let us, with a gladsome mind

1. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*Refrain: For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

2. Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God: *Refrain*
3. He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light: *Refrain*
4. He the golden-tressèd sun
Caused all day his course to run: *Refrain*
5. And the hornèd moon by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright: *Refrain*
6. All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need: *Refrain*
7. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord for he is kind: *Refrain*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG6kS1o5PpA>

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: Author of life divine

1. Author of life divine,
Who hast a table spread,
Furnished with mystic wine
And everlasting bread,
Preserve the life thyselst hast given,
And feed and train us up for heaven.

2. Our needy souls sustain
With fresh supplies of love,
Till all thy life we gain,
And all thy fullness prove,
And, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
Behold without a veil thy face.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulTAWgwNVG8>

Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: Light's abode, celestial Salem

1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!
2. There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.
3. There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
There unknown are toil and care.
4. O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!
5. Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.
6. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izXZjGCw1wg>



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 thus far - thank you for complying..

The situation still appears to be look serious as we move into the fifth week of the current lock-down, in particular for all those who are hard at work in the NHS. The vaccination programme is making good progress and many of those in the priority groups have received their first dose.

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 Prayer today: A reminder that said Evening Prayer will be held in church this Sunday at 4pm (as this is the first Sunday of the month). There will be links available on the website for those unable to attend in person who wish to worship at home. Zoom evening services resume next Sunday.

Joy Amis RIP: Joy died in her care home in Bottisham on 27th Jan.. She will have been known by many in the community and served for some years as treasurer of the Parochial Charities. To date we do not know about the funeral arrangements but we give thanks for Joy's life and for all that she contributed while she lived in the village.

Children's Society Home Collection boxes: Calling in your boxes has brought back many fond memories of Joy Amis who had worked so hard for the Society over many years and was my mentor in managing the collection boxes. If you have a box or would like to donate, please get in touch with me. I shall be pleased to arrange a 'doorstep' collection - whether it be coins in the box or a donation in an envelope. Thank you. Dorothy Doel (Tel 843946).

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection will be made **today**. A list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website. The City Foodbank also welcomes financial donations via its website:

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk><https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-funds//give-help/donate-food/>

Letter from the Archbishops: Archbishops Justin and Stephen have written a letter of consolation, encouragement and hope to the nation, copies of which are available at the back of church; do please take one.

Cambridge Cancer Help Centre: The Centre is offering free online support sessions to people affected by cancer, including relaxation, mindfulness, fatigue management and Macmillan Hope courses. There is a weekly "Talking Together" social session providing a safe place to chat. A poster displayed in church gives further information and full contact details can be found on the CCHC website:

<https://www.cambridgecancerhelp.org/>

Phone 07909 118 432 or 01223 840105

Monday to Wednesday 10 am to 4pm, or email contact@cambridgecancerhelp.org

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

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', provides a hymn and reflection.

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

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08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 14th February, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 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.

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