

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 28th February, 2021 - The Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: New every morning is the love

1. New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.
2. New mercies, each returning day,
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3. If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
4. The trivial round, the common task,
Would furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.
5. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day
To live more nearly as we pray.

[e<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPZn-4ZyGJI>](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPZn-4ZyGJI)

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 17. 1 - 7, 15 - 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God

to you and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Second Reading: Romans 4. 13 - 25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be,' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gradual hymn: Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS3q4uTEAik>

Gospel: Mark 8. 31 – 38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit

them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Offertory hymn: The God of Abraham praise (vv. 1,4,6,7,8)

1. The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.

4. There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.

6. Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done
Throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend,
And swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end
The wondrous name.

7. The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'

8. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
They every cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKAIWQpbSH8>

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: Jesu, grant me this, I pray

1. Jesu, grant me this, I pray,
Ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in thy wounded side.
2. If the evil one prepare,
Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side.
3. If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide
In thy heart and wounded side.
4. Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide
In thy heart and wounded side.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDpNMdml05Y>

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: O Jesus, I have promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.
3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;

O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pjAnOf_Qd4



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

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

Dear Friends,

As you may by now be aware, even before the pandemic we were concerned about the increasing financial deficit we have been facing for several years. The PCC has now, regretfully, decided (in consultation with the Diocese) to reduce our regular Ministry Share contribution by 50%, to £26,895 this year, in order to halt the ongoing drain on our reserves. This will balance the 2021 budget, but without a substantial increase in income we may well face the same decision in future years, or the money will run out. This decision has not been taken lightly, as it has serious implications for the future life of the parish; Ministry Share goes towards the costs of stipendiary ministry, and failure to meet our Share in full, as well as passing an additional financial burden on to the other parishes in the Deanery, will impact on the provision of a full-time vicar in Great Shelford after Simon's retirement. We would welcome any additional Stewardship support to enable us to meet the full Share asked for by the Diocese, in this and future years, in order to maintain a stipendiary vicar.

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

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 is improving and it has been a great relief to see the 'road map' that the government outlined this week. We shall gradually be able to resume a more 'normal' life in the coming weeks if the situation continues

to improve. Much of this has been down to the wonderful efforts of all those involved in the vaccination programme. It will be so good to see the schools open again. Please keep all the staff of our school in your prayers as they work hard to get things ready for reopening on 8th March.

Please keep those working in the NHS in your prayers; they continue to carry a huge burden as they prepare to address the backlog of treatment suspended during the worst of the Covid pandemic.

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



The Second Sunday of Lent: As Lent starts, the flavour of our Sunday worship changes to reflect the penitential character of the season. We omit the Gloria, reserving it for the joy of Eastertide and the Sunday Parish Communion service booklet for Lent chooses prayers which help us to think about where we stand before God. The Prayer Book Holy Communion services will use the full version of the Commandments, again helping us to think about our life and actions.

It would be wrong to characterise Lent as a season of gloom. I like to think of it as a chance to take up things, as much as giving things up, in order that we might better serve our neighbours. What we save can then be donated to help others in need (perhaps via Christian Aid). Do please think about what you are going to do as an 'extra' during Lent - perhaps attending our on-line Lent Group. I do hope that we all enjoy the coming six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God

#LiveLent: God's Story - Our Story

The Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2021 focuses on daily reflections encouraging all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

We witness to God's story and the impact this has made to our story so that others might also find their story taking on new meaning in the light of God's love. While the current restrictions on daily life necessitated by the pandemic present significant challenges, the suffering and isolation many continue to face make the need for us to share God's love with our communities greater than ever. Rather than just being a Lenten discipline, this year's #LiveLent is a joyful invitation to make witness a normal part of the Christian life, the natural overflow of a life lived in devotion to Christ. Copies of the booklet are available at the back of church. The booklets cost £1.50 so any donations to cover costs would be appreciated.

Lent Group by Zoom: The Tuesday house group will not be running during Lent but will combine with the parish Lent group. Normal business will resume after Easter on Tuesday 13 April. The parish Lent group started on Tuesday 23 February at 8pm by Zoom and will run for 5 weeks. The dates of the next meetings are
2 March; 9 March; 16 March; 23 March.

The meetings will be 1 hour by Zoom. Please contact Simon or Anne for details of the Zoom link. The meeting will be approximately 45 min of teaching and discussion and 15 min of prayer at the end.

We plan to follow Connect - contemporary crises and everyday faith, a series of six booklets exploring the relationship between Christian faith and some of the pressing social issues of our time such as modern slavery, neighbours, waste, food poverty and global warming.

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

You are all warmly invited to attend. There is no need to attend all 5 meetings and just come when you can. Please contact Anne on anneroberts2020@yahoo.co.uk or 07745 562702 for further details.

Anne

A Visual Approach to Lent: A colleague in Kent shared this with me during the week and you may be interested if a visual approach to Lent would be helpful.....

Before Christmas, some of us at Christ Church Gravesend engaged in an Advent Book Club, contemplating the poems of Christina Rossetti as presented by Canon Rachel Mann in her book "In the Bleak Midwinter". For Lent, Rachel is giving a series of 10 minute reflections upon works of art. If that is not a good enough reason to set aside a few minutes, the reflections are based upon choices of art found in a book by the splendid Sr Wendy Beckett.

With Canon Rachel. Sr Wendy and some of the greatest works of the great masters of painting beckoning, are you ever going to get a better reason to dip into 10 minutes of daily peace, putting aside Covid cares & observing Lent in an easy and attractive way ?

I hope we enjoy this series and share it if you can. The Churches may be closed but online there is still much sharing of thoughts about the Gospel and innovative ways to observe the Lenten season

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6F8_v-Fclo

Electoral Roll Revision: It is the time of year when we need to revise the church Electoral Roll. Please check that your details are correct on the list at the back of church and let me know if they need to be updated. If your name is not on the list, please take a form from the back of the church and return it to me when it is completed. The revision closes on Sun. 28th March. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings) -m.seekings039@btinternet.com / 07768 244 233

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection will be made next Sunday, **7th March**. A list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website.

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



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

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', provides a hymn and

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

Sunday 28th February, 2021

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

Sunday 7th March, 2021

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

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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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