

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 14th February, 2021 - The Sunday next before Lent
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3hCQIUkX10>

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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us
grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his
likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2. 1 - 12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.'

So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gradual hymn: Bright the vision that delighted

1. Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.
2. Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:
3. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'
4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
5. With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:
6. 'Lord thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFkTLrSoQW4>

Gospel: Mark 9. 2 - 9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered

them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Offertory hymn: Jesus, these eyes have never seen

1. Jesus, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine.
2. I see thee not, I hear thee not,
Yet art thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
As where I met with thee.
3. Yet, though I have not seen, and still
Must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
Unseen, but not unknown.
4. When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall thee reveal
All glorious as thou art.

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: Thee we adore

1. Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.
3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: From glory to glory

1. From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;
Thy name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.
From strength unto strength we go forward on Sion's highway,
To appear before God in the city of infinite day.
2. Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,
One heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;
Ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.



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

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 still appears to look serious as we move into the sixth 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.



Ash Wednesday - 17th Feb.: Lent this year begins on Wed. We shall mark the start of the season of repentance and renewal with an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes. There will be an evening celebration of Holy Communion (CW) at 7.30pm. Do make an effort to come along so that we can support one another at the start of Lent.

Next Sunday - First 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 the 'Count Your Blessings' Christian Aid initiative). 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.

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: The organisers expressed their grateful thanks for the donations sent from our parish last week.

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 the porch 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 six 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/>

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

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 14th February, 2021
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 Evening Prayer by Zoom link

Wednesday 17th February, 2021
19:30 Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 21st 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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