

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 7th March, 2021 - The Third Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Opening hymn: All my hope on God is founded**

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew,  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.
2. Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power,  
Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DohxO6ytsaU>

**Kyrie:**

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

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Exodus 20. 1 - 17**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 18 - 25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gradual hymn: We love the place, O God**

1. We love the place, O God,  
Wherein thine honour dwells;  
The joy of thine abode  
All earthly joy excels.
2. We love the house of prayer,  
Wherein thy servants meet;  
And thou, O Lord, art there  
Thy chosen flock to greet.
3. We love the sacred font,  
For there the holy Dove  
To pour is ever wont  
His blessing from above.
4. We love thine altar, Lord;  
O, what on earth so dear!  
For there, in faith adored,  
We find thy presence near.
5. We love the word of life,  
The word that tells of peace,  
Of comfort in the strife,  
And joys that never cease.

6. We love to sing below  
For mercies freely given;  
But O, we long to know  
The triumph-song of heaven!
7. Lord Jesus, give us grace  
On earth to love thee more,  
In heaven to see thy face,  
And with thy saints adore.

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

**Gospel: John 2. 13 - 22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Offertory hymn: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

**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: **And now, O Father, mindful of the love**

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love,  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear  
And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.
4. And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCQy1r-45jw>

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Final hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him**

1. Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;  
Praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
Praise him, all ye stars and light:  
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws, which never shall be broken,  
For their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
Never shall his promise fail;  
God has made his saints victorious,  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name!
3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
Join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore thee,

We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNvoTbO8JFg>



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is good that we know the government 'road map' for lifting the lock-down. However, we must still be diligent in observing the guidance. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Third 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 these six weeks and approach Holy Week and Easter knowing better the loving forgiveness of God.

**Evening Prayer today:** A reminder that Evening Prayer today will take place in church at 4pm, this being the first Sunday of the month.

**Next Sunday - Mothering Sunday Posies:** Posies will be available for distribution at all services next Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. Sincere thanks to those who work to produce them.

### **#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 is taking place over five weeks. The dates of the next meetings are - 9 March; 16 March; 23 March.

The meetings start at 8pm and 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](mailto: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](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. 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings) -m.seekings039@btinternet.com / 01223 843416

**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.

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



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.**

**Sunday 7th March, 2021**

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

**Sunday 14th March, 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. **07/03/21**