

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 11th April, 2021 - The Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Ye sons and daughters of the King

1. Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
To-day the grave hath lost its sting. *Alleluya!*
2. On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.
3. An Angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.'
4. That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!'
5. When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
6. 'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
'And doubt not, but believe in me.'
7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.
8. Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign.
9. On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise.
10. And we with Holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light.

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

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, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 4. 32 - 35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading: 1 John 1. 1 – 2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gradual hymn: Happy are they, they that love God

1. Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confest,
Who by his Cross have found their life,
And 'neath his yoke their rest.
2. Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heaven's eternal King.
3. Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!
4. Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesu's love.
5. Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGXs_LhURa4

Gospel: John 20. 19 - 31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Offertory hymn: The Lamb's high banquet we await

1. The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.
2. Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.
3. That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.
4. Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.
5. O thou from whom hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.
6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.
7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.
8. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6oaHGIPZLE>>

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: 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVj1FkxhvPo>

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Final hymn: Hymn: Love's redeeming work is done

- 1 Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!
- 2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.
- 3 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:

Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIRDdCzio30>



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

As the government ' road-map ' is rolling forward, we can now have live singing during worship by a small group, socially distanced from the congregation. This is a small step, but a very valuable one as it is a sign that we are making progress. Thanks to our singers for their welcome contribution.

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.

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.

A very happy Easter to you all.



Marriage Banns: Please pray for Robert Westwick and Emma Aherne, whose Banns are being read from 4th Apr., as they prepare for their marriage in June.

The Rev'd. Canon Michael Wadsworth RIP: We learned last weekend that Michael passed away peacefully at a care home in Huntingdon late on Good Friday aged 78. His dementia had become severe and he had become bed-bound and extremely frail. Tam had been allowed to spend time with him in the last few days and was with him when he died. Michael was priest-in-charge of Gt Shelford from 1998-2001; he retired in 2001 and moved to Sleaford. The funeral details have not yet been released. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Evening Prayer today: Will be by Zoom link today. Please contact me if you would like the Zoom link.

Easter: A very happy Easter to you all from Mary and myself and thank you for the cards and good wishes we have received. I do hope that you had a fruitful Lent and appreciated the additional services during Holy Week. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Lent Thanks: My thanks and appreciation to those who contributed in any way to the success of our Lent course - a great success.

Holy Week & Easter Thanks: A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way to preparing for the services in recent days. Many individuals and groups have put in lots of extra time to plan and contribute to the worship and other activities; their efforts are very greatly appreciated. Well done to all!

Churchwarden & PCC Secretary vacancies: Both our present Churchwardens are not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting next weekend, so we have two vacant positions to fill. Our PCC secretary has also indicated that she is definitely retiring this year, so that post is also vacant. when the 'new' PC meets next month.

It is **vital** that these three positions are filled as they show that a parish has willing lay leadership whose contribution is a sign of health and vitality. The absence of Churchwardens especially is really serious and is a sign of decline. Could we please urge **everyone** to think and pray about whether they would be willing to step up and volunteer.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Sun. 18th Apr. after the Parish Communion in church. Formal notices for the APCM have been posted and **nomination forms** for the posts of Churchwarden, together with PCC members are available at the back of church. Anyone intending to stand for the coming year will need to complete and return a form ahead of the APCM please. An apology list is available at the back of church.

The relevant paperwork for this meeting is available at the back of the church for those who have not received electronic copies. Please ensure that you collect and read the papers and **BRING THEM** with you on 18th April. For PCC members and other members of the congregation whose email addresses are known, the relevant papers will be **sent electronically**. Copies of the full financial statement and restoration accounts are available for inspection at the back of church; please **do not remove them**.

The Pilgrim house group will restart on Tuesday 13 April at 8pm and we plan to carry on with the Connect booklets for another 3 weeks.

All welcome. Please contact Anne for the Zoom link.

The people attending the Lent Course this year made the following pledges after our discussion on Nature and the future of the planet. We hope this will increase our awareness of these issues and increase our efforts to comply.

| Pledge | Name |
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| Stop buying beef | Margaret |
| Stop burning coal | Simon |
| Walk more | Meg |
| Stop buying food packaged in plastic | Diana |
| Only eat meat twice a week | Anne |
| More responsible use of water | Maureen |

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| We have just upgraded heating system to a higher efficiency boiler / increased efficiency from 64% to 95%. | Trevor |
| Next car (if spared) will be Electric | Trevor |
| Being better at reducing what goes into Black Bin. | Trevor |
| Insulated loft in non-thatched part of house | Anne |
| Take excess goods/clothing to charity shops when it's possible | Meg |
| Re-use items no longer needed or pass on to others. | Meg |
| Only order online groceries once a week | Claire |
| Place online grocery order within the same time slot as neighbour to reduce delivery footprint | Claire |
| Use thermostats with more awareness to reduce unnecessary heating | Dianne |

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers expressed their thanks for the donations sent from our collection last week. Our next collection will be on Sunday, 2nd May



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 by Zoom link

Sunday 18th April, 2021

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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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