

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 18th April, 2021 - The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. ... *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. ... *Refrain*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CeBoSQsBR0>

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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 3. 12 - 19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and

asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Second Reading: 1 John 3. 1 - 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gradual hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
*Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above: *Refrain*
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given: *Refrain*
4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*
5. Rejoice in glorious hope Jesus the judge shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhEUCSzaU8M>

Gospel: Luke 24. 36 - 48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Offertory hymn: Alleluya, sing to Jesus

1. Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
3. Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

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

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 thyself 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=G73xy2EOaw>

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Final hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5wWRYq57EM>



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.



HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh RIP: The Book of Condolence at St Mary's will remain open until the end of Sunday in case you have not had a chance to make an entry.

The Rev'd Canon Michael Wadsworth RIP: We now know Michael's funeral will be a burial at Holy Trinity, Haddenham on Friday 23 April at 1.00 pm. Michael had been Vicar of Haddenham and Wilburton for 9 years before coming to Great Shelford. Due to Covid restrictions numbers at the funeral will be limited but Tam and the family are hoping more of Michael's friends and contacts can join them for a Memorial Service later in the summer. We will circulate details in due course.

Marriage Banns: Please pray for Robert Westwick and Emma Aherne, whose Banns are being read today for the final time, as they prepare for their marriage in June.

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

Churchwarden & PCC Secretary vacancies: Both our present Churchwardens are not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting today, 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' PCC meets in May.

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): today 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 restarted on Tuesday 13 April at 8pm and we are continuing with the Connect booklets.

All welcome. Please contact Anne for the Zoom link.



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 18th April, 2021

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

Sunday 25th April, 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. **18/04/21**

Many hands make light work

As most of you are now aware, both Bob and I will be standing down as churchwardens at the APCM. We hope very much that two new volunteers will come forward! However, there are many things which are not specifically part of the churchwardens' remit, but which are necessary to the smooth running of the church; if, after due consideration, you don't feel able to take on "the big one", please could you each consider volunteering for one or more of these tasks, in order to spread the load:

- **Church cleaning;** Anita Smart (07734 921520) is very kindly taking this on, but the church is a big building, and if several volunteers were each prepared to keep just one section of it dusted and swept regularly, it would be a great help to her.
- **Foodbank;** this involves taking the First Sunday collection to the Cambridge City Foodbank, which is near Cambridge North rail station, once a month. They are open to receive deliveries on Mondays and Fridays between 9.30am and 1pm (excl. Bank Holidays).
- **Eco church;** We have signed up with an organisation called A-Rocha, which encourages churches to care for God's creation by being as eco-friendly as possible. If this is close to your heart, do please offer to be the church contact, and encourage the PCC and congregation to implement "green" measures and policies. We can work towards earning our bronze, silver and gold awards!
- **Christian Aid;** Again, we need someone to be the church contact for Christian Aid, raising both funds and awareness to help the world's poorest communities. The biggest focus has always been organising the collection for Christian Aid Week, early in May each year, but this is one area which has been massively impacted by Covid, and new ideas and ways of working will be coming to the fore.
- **PCC;** we need three new volunteers every year to take on this important role in the governance of the church.
- **Intercessions;** not as daunting as you might think – please give it a try. Or start more gently with the Sunday readings...
- **Sidespersons;** new volunteers always welcome.

Please do ask if you would like to find out more about any of these roles.

Thank you!

Stella (07763 887953)