Opening hymn: Come down, O love divine

1Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edK3Vv7Qwo4>

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:
God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Acts 2. 1 - 21
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with
the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Second Reading: Romans 8. 22 - 27
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gradual hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
   And lighten with celestial fire;  
   Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
   Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:  

2 Thy blessèd unction from above  
   Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
   Enable with perpetual light  
   The dullness of our blinded sight:  

3 Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
   With the abundance of thy grace:  
   Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
   Where thou art guide no ill can come.  

4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
   And thee, of Both, to be but One;  
   That through the ages all along  
   This may be our endless song,  

   Praise to thy eternal merit,  
   Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Bthb9LKPI>

Gospel: John 15. 26 - 27, 16. 4b – 15
Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And
when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Offertory hymn: Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

1. Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
   Taught by thee, we covet most
   Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
   Holy, heavenly love.

2. Love is kind and suffers long,
   Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
   Love than death itself more strong,
   Therefore give us love.

3. Prophecy will fade away,
   Melting in the light of day;
   Love will ever with us stay;
   Therefore give us love.

4. Faith will vanish into sight;
   Hope be emptied in delight;
   Love in heaven will shine more bright;
   Therefore give us love.

5. Faith and hope and love we see
   Joining hand in hand agree;
   But the greatest of the three,
   And the best, is love.

6. From the overshadowing
   Of thy gold and silver wing
   Shed on us, who to thee sing,
   Holy, heavenly love.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv5aRYxufnc>

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: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
   In the truth that Christ makes known;
   We have faith and understanding
   Through your promised light alone.

2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
   Come as Advocate to plead,
   Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
   Come yourself to make us live,
   Holy through your loving presence,
   Holy through the gifts you give.

4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
   You the love of Three in One,
   Holy Spirit of the Father,
   Holy Spirit of the Son.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcccR_SZrv4>

Post Communion Prayer:
Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn: Father, Lord of all creation

1. Father, Lord of all creation,
   Ground of being, life and love;
   Height and depth beyond description
   Only life in you can prove:
   You are mortal life’s dependence:
   Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
   Yours is every hour’s existence,
   Sovereign Lord of time and space.

2. Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
   We, your people, make our prayer:
   Help us love, as sisters, brothers,
   All whose burdens we can share.
   Where your name binds us together
   You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
   Where no selfishness can sever
   There your love the world may see.

3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
   Wind and flame of Pentecost,
   Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
   To regain what we have lost.
   May your love unite our action,
   Never more to speak alone:
   God, in us abolish faction,
   God, through us your love make known.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5fqJaLg3ug

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 SHELFDORD - 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. We are making good progress in this area and the gradual lifting of the restrictions is welcome.

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

Best wishes,

Evening Worship today: By Zoom starting at 6.30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Simon who will forward the link.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday we will welcome The Rev’d Dr. Julie Norris to preside at the morning celebrations of the Eucharist. We also have a Baptism (Rian Scott) at 12 noon and this service will be taken by The Rev’d Olivia Coles from Whittlesford. My thanks To Julie and Olivia for being willing to lead these services.

Ewart Munday RIP: Ewart died in the Cambridge Care Home on 2nd May aged 68 after a struggle with cancer; his funeral is on Mon. 24th May at Cam Valley Crematorium. We give thanks for his life and remember his wife Sally and children Suzy and Chris and the grandchildren.

Christian Aid Week: The “sweetie jar” will be out again this week, for your Christian Aid contributions. Please give generously in support of Christian Aid's work to improve so many lives blighted by climate change and Covid.

The Pilgrim house group: At our meeting on 18th May we discussed that the Lord’s Prayer could be paraphrased in the following way:

‘Our God, we acknowledge that you are holy and that you have a purpose - and we assent to both. Give us what we need and keep us away from everything that harms us.’

We discussed some of the things the prayer does not include, such as our ‘requests’ or ‘petitions’. Perhaps they are included in a very general way under God’s purpose and granting us our needs.

All welcome. Every Tuesday at 8pm. Please contact Anne for the link. 07745 562702.

East West Rail (EWR) Consultation: You will shortly receive some literature from the local campaign group raising awareness about the consultation by EWR which is currently underway. Please take time to read the
material and write/email to register with ERM and local politicians if you have any concerns about the proposals and possible effects on our community.

**Friends of St. Mary's Church:** The Friends' AGM this year will be held on 26th May at 7.30 pm in Church. This year we have three Committee Members stepping down as their permitted term expires and so we are in pressing need of volunteers to join the Committee. We would therefore ask you to please give a thought to joining/rejoining our small group. Give me a call or email me before the AGM if you need any more information or would like to be nominated. Trevor Ward (Secretary) 07910 747306  trevorrward@gmail.com

**Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral**
My collation and installation as an Hon. Canon of Ely Cathedral which was due to take place in November 2020 and again in January has been finally rearranged for Sat. 26th June during Choral Evensong at 5.30pm in the Cathedral. I would very much welcome support on the day - please do come along.

**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 23rd May, 2021**
- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00 Parish Communion
- 18:30 Evening Prayer by Zoom link

**Sunday 30th May, 2021**
- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00 Parish Communion
- 18:30 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.

23/05/21