

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 1st August, 2021 - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Christ is the King

1. Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice: *Alleluya.*
2. The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new: *Alleluya.*
3. Then magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days: *Alleluya.*
4. O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then: *Alleluya.*
5. Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim: *Alleluya.*
6. Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light: *Alleluya*

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

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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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 16. 2 - 4, 9 - 15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction

or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4. 1 - 16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gradual hymn: In Christ there is no East or West

1. In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
3. In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North,
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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

Gospel: John 6. 24 - 35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread,, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Offertory hymn: O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.
4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4FERL8Xeno>

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: Bread of heaven

1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died.
2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live;
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9O4QtEQzn4>

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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 SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

From Simon

Although the legal requirements to wear facemasks and maintain social distance have been lifted, both the government and the church continue to encourage people to be cautious. At St Mary's, therefore, we request that masks continue to be worn while moving about the church, and that a sensible distance be maintained between those of different households. When seated, in the nave and the children's area, masks can be taken off; however, for the benefit of those who are still not comfortable with this, masks must still be worn by those sitting in the south aisle pews. Communion arrangements will stay as they have been for the time being, including at the Peace, and hand sanitiser remains available at need. Last, but by no means least - we can sing!

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 and the effects of the current 'third wave.'

Best wishes,



A very warm welcome to The Rev'd Dr Alasdair Coles who is kindly celebrating the morning services today. Alasdair is a consultant at Addenbrooke's and a member of the chaplaincy team; he lives in Whittlesford. He last came to St Mary's during the vacancy.

Evening Worship today: Will be 'in person' at St Mary's at 6.30 p.m. as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Mary Marsh RIP: Mary died in her sleep in the Cambridgeshire Care Home during the early hours of Sun. morning 25th July. Mary recently celebrated her 104th birthday and it was a joy to visit her on the day - she was in good form! I last saw her at the care home last week and she was very concerned that I should send her greetings to her many friends at St Mary's. She was regularly attending the Parish Communion until Covid struck, but the pandemic did not deter her from shopping in the village every week. She was a lovely lady and very much part of the generation that knew the value of 'getting on with it'. She will be missed by many of us, especially her neighbours in the village. Mary's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Wed. 18th August at 1.30pm, followed by a private cremation at Cam Valley (subject to confirmation). Reception in the Community Room. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

15th August: Now that the congregation is allowed to sing we thought we would ask you for your suggestions for the five hymns at our Parish Communion on the 15th August. Any extra requests will be added at later services. Please speak to Maureen or Dianne or add to the list at the back of church. We need to have the list by 8th August so details can be put on the pew sheet.

Marriage congratulations: Please remember John & Jennifer Tadross who celebrated their marriage at St Mary's on Friday.

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/>

The Pilgrim house group: There will be no meetings in August but we plan to restart in early September when we shall carry on with our book 'Thy kingdom come' by Stephen Cherry from chapter 19.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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 1st August, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 8th August, 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. **01/08/21**