

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 11th July, 2021 - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Awake, my soul, and with the sun

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
Live this day as if 'twere thy last:
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.
3. Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
4. Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,
May your devotion me inspire,
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you may on my God attend.
5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcaKA-zKB8E>

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:

**Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving
you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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: Amos 7. 7 - 15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the

Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Second Reading: Ephesians 1. 3 - 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gradual hymn: King of glory, King of peace

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou has spared me.
2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.
3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikj7CiC7v0U>

Gospel: Mark 6. 14 - 29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John,

bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Offertory hymn: O God, you search me and you know me

1. O God, you search me and you know me,
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising,
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.
3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.
4. Although your spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
5. For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo

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: Blessed Jesu, Mary's son

1. Blessed Jesu, Mary's son,
For mankind to earth thou camest,
Bur the saving battle won,
Now at God's right hand thou reignest:
On thy people pour thy blessing,
Gathered here, thy name confessing.

2. By this sacramental sign,
Token of thy bitter passion,
Through these gifts of bread and wine
Thine own image in us fashion:
By this food thy grace doth send us
From all ills of soul defend us.
3. In this mystery of grace
Which we celebrate before thee,
Come, O Saviour, show thy face
To the faithful who adore thee:
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Grant us here the joys of heaven.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HcjUCbxZI8>

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure than can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olnxnGEO-F4>

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

Thank you for continuing to be **highly vigilant** so that we can 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. We now know that the current restrictions are very likely to be lifted on 19th July.

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,



A warm welcome to The Rev'd. Dr. Julie Norris who very kindly agreed to preside at services today, which will enable me to participate in General Synod sessions by Zoom.

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

General Synod: General Synod would normally be meeting in York over this weekend, but because of Covid restrictions it is not possible this year. We are instead meeting entirely by Zoom, starting on Fri. 9th July and ending on Mon. 12th. Please pray for us as we engage with a very full agenda.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers have asked for their thanks to be passed to everyone who contributed to our collection last week and our continuing support for their work. Our next collection will be on Sunday 1st August.

The Pilgrim house group is back on Zoom on Tuesdays nights at 8pm.

In the last couple of weeks we have discussed 'Give us this day our daily bread'. We agreed that bread includes not just bread but our other material needs such as water, a home, warmth, cleanliness. We then explored other needs such as education, access to books, creative skills such as music and art, friendships and companionship. And then last but not least, our spiritual needs such as courage, compassion, wisdom and understanding. 'Bread' is a word full of enormous meaning.

All welcome. Please contact Anne for details. 07745 562702.

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Next Sunday: I will be presiding at the marriage of a very close friend's daughter next weekend in Goldsborough, near Harrogate. The Rev'd Clare Coates, assistant curate at Stapleford, has kindly agreed to preside at the services in the morning. Please give Clare a warm welcome as she makes her first visit to St Mary's.

Flowers in church: St Mary's needs more people who are interested in flowers and are willing to volunteer their time to help. Unfortunately the team has lost several members over the last few years and to keep going they need more volunteers. Please think about joining the team and be on a rota, 3 - 4 times a year, always with a partner. No previous knowledge is needed, guidance and support will be provided. To find out more, please 'phone Veronica Stower on 01223 573392.



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 11th July, 2021

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

Sunday 18th July, 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. **11/07/21**