Opening hymn: Let all the world in every corner sing

1. Let all the world in every corner sing, 
   My God and King! 
   The heavens are not too high, 
   His praise may thither fly; 
   The earth is not too low, 
   His praises there may grow. 
   Let all the world in every corner sing, 
   My God and King!

2. Let all the world in every corner sing, 
   My God and King! 
   The Church with psalms must shout, 
   No door can keep them out; 
   But above all, the heart 
   Must bear the longest part. 
   Let all the world in every corner sing, 
   My God and King!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvYUV8PFQa8>

Gloria:
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest. 
Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth. 
Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father, 
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest. 
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. 
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest. 
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. 
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest. 
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Collect:
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more 
than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those 
things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to 
ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Joshua 24. 1 - 2a, 14 - 18
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the 
officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now 
therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your 
ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve
the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Second Reading: Ephesians 6. 10–20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gradual hymn: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
   Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
   Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
   Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
   Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
   Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
   Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
   Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
   Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
   O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
   Be thou my inheritance now and always,
   Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
   O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
   O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
   Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
   Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gospel: John 6. 56–69

Jesus said to the crowd: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the
Father.’ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Offertory hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
   There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
   Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
   As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.  

Refrain:   Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
   Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
   All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
   Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.  

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
   Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
   Join with all nature in manifold witness  
   To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
   Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
   Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
   Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4ox4es1jo8>

Sanctus/Benedictus:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  

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Agnus Dei:  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.  

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Communion hymn: Glory, love and praise and honour

1. Glory, love and praise and honour  
   For our food, now bestowed,  
   Render we the Donor.  
   Bounteous God, we now confess thee;  
   God who thus, blessest us,  
   Meet it is to bless thee.  

2. Thankful for our every blessing,  
   Let us sing Christ the Spring,  
   Never, never ceasing.  
   Source of all our gifts and graces,  
   Christ we own; Christ alone  
   Calls for all our praises.

3. He dispels our sin and sadness,  
   Life imparts, cheers our hearts,  
   Fills with food and gladness.  
   Who himself for all has given,  
   Us he feeds, us he leads  
   To a feast in heaven.  

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYF2p2uFFns>
Post Communion Prayer:
God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn: Soldiers of Christ, arise

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
   And put your armour on,
   Strong in the strength which God supplies
   Through his eternal Son;

2. Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
   And in his mighty power:
   Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
   Is more than conqueror.

3. Stand then in his great might,
   With all his strength endued;
   And take, to arm you for the fight,
   The panoply of God.

4. Leave no unguarded place,
   No weakness of the soul:
   Take every virtue, every grace,
   And fortify the whole.

5. From strength to strength go on,
   Wrestle and fight and pray;
   Tread all the powers of darkness down
   And win the well-fought day.

6. That, having all things done,
   And all your conflicts past,
   Ye may o’ercome through Christ alone,
   And stand entire at last.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STq9NCf8k-c&list=RDSTq9NCf8k-c&start_radio=1>

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, regrettfully, 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

Covid Precautions: The PCC has decided to keep in place our protocols for Sunday services for the time being (face masks and social distancing). Although we have no power to enforce this, we hope that you will agree to co-operate for the sake of others. It is clear that we may be in the midst of a ‘third wave’ of Covid, so we still need to exercise caution.

A very warm welcome to The Rev’d Dr. Julie Norris to preside at the morning celebrations of the Eucharist today. My thanks to Julie for her kind support.

Evening Worship today: By Zoom starting at 6.30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Trevor Ward (trevorrward@gmail.com) who will forward the link.

Wedding Congratulations: Warm congratulations to Kieran and Charlotte Eusden who celebrated their marriage yesterday at St Mary's.

The Pilgrim house group: We plan to restart our house group in September and carry on with our book ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ by Stephen Cherry. We move on to chapter 19 and the next line of the Lord's Prayer which is ‘And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.’ Our dates will be 7, 14, 21, and 28 September. We have not yet decided on a venue and if we meet in person or on Zoom. This will be confirmed nearer the time. These details will be emailed round once confirmed. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please contact Anne on 07745562702 or by email with any questions.

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 22nd August, 2021
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evening Prayer (by Zoom link)

Sunday 29th August, 2021
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator.  
22/08/21