

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 12th September, 2021 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the height (omit vv 3 & 4)

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.
- 5 O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;
- 6 And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren and inspire
To suffer and to die.
- 7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjPhcD75E34>

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.

David Thorne

Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading: James 3. 1 - 12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gradual hymn: Thou art the Christ, O Lord

1. **'Thou are the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God most high'
For ever be adored
That name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail.
The saints of God at last prevail.**
2. **O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ;
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.**
3. **Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord,
With triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.**
4. **O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.**

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

Gospel: Mark 8. 27 - 38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the

Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Offertory hymn: O happy band of pilgrims (omit vv 3,4, and 5)

1. **O happy band of pilgrims,
If onward ye will tread
With Jesus as your fellow
To Jesus as your Head!**
2. **O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then!**
6. **The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure.**
7. **What are they but his jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?**
8. **O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win you such a prize!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErCCDrQNXI0>

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.** *David Thorne*

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.** *David Thorne*

Communion hymn: Sweet Sacrament divine

1. **Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

2. **Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**
3. **Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**
4. **Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1qWjbLtlbk>

Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: Will you come and follow me

1. **Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside**

and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Tune: Kelvingrove

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAYM8pWCwWk>

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

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.

Marriage Banns: Please pray for Theo Wilson and Ruth Townend, whose Banns are being read for the first time today, as they prepare for their marriage at St. Mary's on 2nd October.

June Catling RIP: We give thanks for the life of June Catling, who died in August. June lived in the village for a number of years and died at home. Her funeral will take place at Cam Valley Crematorium on Wed. 22nd Sept. at 2pm. Please also remember June's daughter Jane as she prepares for the funeral.

St. Mary's Sunday Club - Welcome Back!: Delighted to welcome Sunday Club last week (returning to its usual slot on the first Sunday of every month) during the 10am service. Great to see families back again after a long 18 months.

Most other Sundays there will be an activity for children during the service. Contact: gillian.pett29@gmail.com. Helpers are welcome!. We look forward to seeing families back on a regular basis.

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

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers have expressed their thanks for the donations sent from our parish last week. Our next collection will be on Sunday 3rd October.

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Pilgrim house group: The house group has restarted and we are carrying on with our book 'Thy Kingdom Come' by Stephen Cherry.

We moved 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 are 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

Harvest Festival and Gift Day - Sunday 3rd October

A highlight of the autumn is always Harvest Festival and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. The weekend also includes our annual **Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the parish church. We are making a special appeal this year in order to help continue to fund work across the community. Please consider if you could help - we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Helping to support a full time Vicar so that they have the resources necessary to make an impact is a real gift to the wider community. Please respond to our appeal if you can. This is especially important this year as we have suffered reduced income during the suspension of public services due to Covid.

Harvest Refreshments: This year we will not be holding a Harvest Lunch (mainly because of Covid regulations). Instead, we hope that after Sunday Club and the Parish Communion everyone will join us around the Community Room for light, Harvest related refreshments.



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 12th September, 2021 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18:30 Evening Prayer (by Zoom link)

Sunday 19th September, 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. **12/09/21**