

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 5th September, 2021 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: Morning has broken

1. **Morning has broken**  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing  
Fresh from the Word.
2. **Sweet the rain's new fall**  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.
3. **Mine is the sunlight,**  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-QZRsrO06A>

**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:**

**Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 35. 4 – 7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

**Second Reading: James 2. 1 - 17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Gradual hymn: For the healing of the nations**

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 2 Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
From despair your world release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.**
- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned;  
Pride of status, race or schooling  
Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.**
- 4 You, creator-God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXtflE6jSYQ>

### **Gospel: Mark 7. 24 - 37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

### **Offertory hymn: Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

1. **Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
Was strong to heal and save,  
It triumphed o'er disease and death,  
O'er darkness and the grave;  
To thee they went, the blind, the dumb,  
The palsied and the lame,  
The leper with his tainted life,  
The sick with fevered frame.**
2. **And lo! thy touch brought life and health,  
Gave speech, and strength, and sight;  
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
Owned thee the Lord of light,  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
Almighty as of yore,  
In crowded street, by restless couch,  
As by Gennesareth's shore.**
3. **Be thou our great deliverer still,  
Thou Lord of life and death;  
Restore and quicken, sooth and bless  
With thine almighty breath;  
To hands that work, and eyes that see,  
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
May praise thee evermore.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVHc6DO3Bv8&t=33s>

### **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: Be still for the presence of the Lord

1. **Be still for the presence of the Lord**  
The holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The holy one is here
2. **Be still for the glory of the Lord**  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour he is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around
3. **Be still for the power of the Lord**  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister his grace  
No work too hard for him  
In faith receive from him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laLM9bNhN9w>

## Post Communion Prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Final hymn: O Christ the same through all our story's pages

1. **O Christ the same through all our story's pages,**  
Our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,  
Unchanging still, amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
Who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought man's whole salvation,  
We bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
2. **O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing**  
Our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,  
Still as of old upon your body bearing  
The marks of love, in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,  
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.
3. **O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping**  
Our lives and loves, our days and years remain,  
Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
Our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,  
O Christ the same, for all our brief tomorrows,

**We bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPZII3AH7fk&t=192s>

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](mailto: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.

**St. Mary's Sunday Club - Welcome Back!** Delighted to welcome Sunday Club today (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](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com). Helpers are welcome!. We look forward to seeing families back on a regular basis.

**Evening Worship today:** Evensong will be 'in person' at St Mary's at **6. 30 p.m.** today as this is the first Sunday of the month.

**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:** 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

**Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust - Ride, Drive or Stride Day Returns! - Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> September:** A sponsored event (details on the website: <https://camhct.uk/> ) in aid of the Trust which gives grants to historic churches across the county. The idea is to visit as many open churches in the day as possible - an enjoyable day out which helps to assist churches like our own.

### **Harvest Festival and Gift Day - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Porch & Entrance repairs:** As you will have noticed, the contractors have started to undertake a restoration scheme for the church porch and entrance area. Much of the work is essential fabric repair and will also involve conservation of the stonework and the installation of new notice boards. We are also undertaking some work within the church to repair plaster and prepare for the eventual installation of new cupboards, display and notice boards at the west end of the church. The Friends have very kindly agreed to help raise funds for this work to be completed in due course.

As you will have seen the wire mesh gates in the porch have been removed and will be repaired and repainted at the contractors workshops as part of this restoration. Several people have commented that the entrance looks better without the gates, but we would be interested in hearing your views. Please let Simon or the Churchwardens know how you feel fairly promptly. Obviously we don't want to repair the gates if the overall feeling is that they do not enhance the entrance. At present they are not used, so spending on their restoration is not essential.



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 5th September, 2021**      08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18:30 Evening Prayer (BCP)

**Sunday 12th 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.      **05/09/21**