

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 19th September, 2021 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn: 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but nought changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee

[Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise \(Tune: St Denio - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

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:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Wisdom of Solomon 1. 16 - 2.1,12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Second Reading: James 3. 13 - 4.3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Gradual hymn: 431 O thou who camest from above

1. **O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.**
2. **There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**
3. **Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.**
4. **Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.**

[O Thou Who Camest from Above \(Tune: Hereford - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Gospel: Mark 9. 30 - 37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Offertory hymn: 498 Son of God, eternal Saviour

- 1. Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2. As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.**
- 3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Shame our selfish greed of gain.**
- 4* Dark the path that lies behind us,
Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
But before us gleams the vision
Of the coming brotherhood.
See the Christlike host advancing,
High and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service
For the common Lord of all.**
- 5. Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race.
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest
That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth thy will be done.**

[Everton "Son of God, Eternal Saviour" - YouTube](#)

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: 300 O food of men wayfaring

1. O food of men wayfaring,
The Bread of Angels sharing,
O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
Nor thy delights deny us,
Whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
2. O Stream of love past telling,
O purest Fountain, welling
From out the Saviour's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us,
Of thine abundance give us,
And all we need provide.
3. O Jesu, by thee bidden,
We here adore thee, hidden
'Neath forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven,
We may behold, in heaven,
Thy countenance divine.

[O food of men wayfaring \(By Truro Cathedral Choir \) \(glorious gospel \) - YouTube](#)

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: 467 Through all the changing scenes of life

1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.
2. O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.
3. The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.
4. O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.
5. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.
6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. **Amen**

[Through All the Changing Scenes of Life \(Tune: Wiltshire - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregation\] - YouTube](#)

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 second time today, as they prepare for their marriage at St. Mary's on 2nd October.

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

Stella Nettleton - Au revoir.....: This is Stella's last Sun. before she and Martin move house this week. We are so appreciative of all that Stella has contributed to the life of St Mary's - sincere thanks from us all - you will certainly be missed! We wish you both every blessing in your new home and do please keep in contact.

Good News!: It gives me great pleasure to announce today that The Rev'd Dr. Julie Norris will be joining us at St Mary's. Julie will be offering regular Sunday services, as well as covering for me when I am away. She has also generously offered time during the week to help support our mission and ministry and I look forward to working with her. The exact 'shape' of Julie's involvement is still under discussion and I will let you know more in due course. Julie will continue to live in her home in Barrington with husband James. She will be formally welcomed and commissioned here in due course. Julie writes: 'This is continuing a long connection with you which brings me delight. I am looking forward to joining you and serving St Mary's church and the parish.'

Afghan Refugee Appeal: We are currently deploying our 'sweetie jar' at the back of church on Sundays to receive your cash donations. The total sum raised will be sent to the Red Cross Afghanistan Appeal. Sincere thanks to those who have already contributed.

Small table needed: We are looking for a small square or rectangular wooden table to fit beside the prayer tree in the Lady chapel. Could you please contact Maureen with any offers.

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.

Shelford Fun Run: This takes place **next** Sunday. The route, which runs past the church, will be closed to traffic between 10.15am and 12.15pm.

The Pilgrim house group: The Pilgrim House group is meeting in the Community Room at 8pm each week on Tuesdays. The meeting lasts about an hour. We plan to meet in person until the clocks change when we may return to Zoom. Current dates are 21 September 28 September - no meeting. We are talking about Forgiveness from Stephen Cherry's book Thy Will Be Done chapters 21-24. All welcome. Please contact Anne for more information.

Follow up from this year's Lent Course: After our discussion on global warming at our Lent study group this year, it was decided to plant some trees as a contribution to reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

To this end, the group has donated £212 to the Great Shelford Parochial Charities who are planting a large number of trees in More's Meadow behind The Hectare. Some planting has already taken place and we have contributed to the current wave of Autumn planting which is primarily fruit trees to create an orchard. Bulb planting is also planned to include snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells.

The site is open for visitors so do go and take a look.

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.

The **Harvest Festival giving** this year will be directed to the **Cambridge City Food Bank**. The Food Bank have sent a 'shopping list' of goods they are short of at present - a copy is in the church porch. As last year they are also asking us to support their **fuel-help scheme**, through which they provide gas and electric top-ups to those in need. To help with this please visit their fundraising page where a financial donation can be made direct <https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CambridgeWarmHomes>



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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 19th September, 2021

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

Sunday 26th 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.

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