

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 28th November, 2021 - Advent Sunday**  
**10:00 Parish Communion**

**Choir Anthem: A tender shoot - Otto Goldschmidt**

**Opening hymn 3: Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

1. **Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.**
2. **Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**
3. **Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
4. **By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBGx\\_4PxO3g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBGx_4PxO3g)

**Kyrie**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.** *David Thorne*

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9 - 13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the

coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

#### **Gradual hymn 15: The Lord will come and not be slow**

- 1. The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.**
- 2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice, from her heavenly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.**
- 3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right  
The nations all possess.**
- 4. The nations all whom thou hast made  
Shall come, and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord,  
And glorify thy name.**
- 5. For great thou art, and wonders great  
By thy strong hand are done:  
Thou in thy everlasting seat  
Remainest God alone.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saaHPqmps-q>

#### **Gospel: Luke 21. 25 - 36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

#### **Offertory hymn 16: Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling**

- 1. Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling  
The watchmen all the air are filling,  
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,  
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying,  
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
Raise high your torches bright!  
Alleluya!  
The wedding song  
Swells loud and strong:  
Go forth and join the festal throng.**

2. **Sion hears the watchmen shouting,  
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,  
She stands and waits with eager eyes;  
See her Friend from heaven descending,  
Adorned with truth and grace unending!  
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
Now come, thou precious Crown,  
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!  
Hosanna!  
Let us prepare  
To follow there,  
Where in thy supper we may share.**
  
3. **Every soul in thee rejoices;  
From men and from angelic voices  
Be glory given to thee alone!  
Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
Thy presence never more shall leave us,  
We stand with angels round thy throne.  
Earth cannot give below  
The bliss thou dost bestow.  
Alleluya!  
Grant us to raise,  
To length of days,  
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImMXmLoYO5Q>

**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: May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

- 1 **May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.**
  
- 2 **May the word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that I may triumph only  
In his saving pow'r.**
  
- 3 **May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.**
  
- 4 **May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.**

- 5      **May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus,  
As I onward go.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE5fOXSymBc>

**Post Communion Prayer:**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Final hymn 9: Lo! He comes with clouds descending**

1. **Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluya!  
God appears, on earth to reign.**
2. **Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.**
3. **Those dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**
4. **Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

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

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). It has also been suggested that frequent use of lateral flow tests is recommended. 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.

**Advent reflection today:** By Zoom starting at **6.30pm**. If you would like to participate, please use the link below.

Julie Norris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Julie Norris' Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 28, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88237988444?pwd=MzNYNm1KVmVqQkNMbU94OUN3aEtiQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 3798 8444

Passcode: 590816

**Marriage:** Please pray for Teggy Ramsey and Jenny Webb whose marriage will take place at St Mary's on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2pm.

**Deanery Advent event on Sat 4th December 2-5pm:** This is a joint Deanery project exploring Advent in different ways through art, worship, prayer, reflection and biblical discussion. Everyone will need to register so that we can allocate them to a workshop/session. Tickets are free and open to anyone. They can be booked on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-workshop-tickets-208813265097>

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** A reminder that our monthly collection takes place **next Sunday**, and is our last church collection before Christmas. Please do all you can to support the work of the Foodbank at this special time of year, which is so difficult for many families. All donations are appreciated and a list of foods and toiletries most urgently needed can be found on the website - <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**Annual Toy Collection:** Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. It is requested that gifts are left unwrapped.

### POSADA Making room for JESUS this Christmas

**What is Posada?** Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. We are using nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey who will travel from home to home during December.

**What is involved?** All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota, which you will find at the back of the church, for a night that will suit you to 'host' Mary & Joseph. For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do what ever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota. We will also be collecting for the charity Shelter so please give generously. Please make sure you have added your details on the Journey Rota by **November 28<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you will enjoy taking part.

**The Pilgrim house group:** The house group has now finished studying 'Thy Will Be Done' and had a very useful discussion about those very words. A powerful line, intimately known to Jesus in the Garden of

Gethsemane. That we should aim to be at one with God, and that through us, with compassion, dignity and positivity we should enable God's intentions, and allow 'Thy will be done'.

The Advent Course - Everyone is warmly invited to our meetings at 1pm on Tuesdays for the next four weeks in the Community Room. Each meeting is self contained so no need to attend all four meetings. Do drop in out as you can manage. Please bring a bible. Do hope you can join us. Meetings last 1 hour and we finish with prayer.

30 November Advent Led by Julie

7 December Advent Led by Anne

14 December Advent Led by Julie

**Christmas Concert:** The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church invite you to an evening with The City of Cambridge Brass Band, Friday 10 December at 7.30 pm here in the church. The Band has compiled a programme of festive music for all the family. The Concert will help raise funds for refurbishment at the back of the church. Tickets: Adults £15, Accompanied Children free. Available from Bob Doel (843946) or at the door.

**Art Exhibition at St Mary's - Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Talk by artist Rick Nelms at 4pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. Rick Nelms is a botanist and an artist. He also has Motor Neuron Disease. Unable to paint with a brush he produces the most amazing and detailed computer painted pictures. Many of these express his love of biodiversity, all of them are inspired by his faith. Before and after the talk there will be a sale of prints of some of his pictures, which make beautiful and unusual Christmas gifts.

**Drive in Carols:** 'Carols by Car Light' will take place again at Shelford Rugby Club on Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. from the comfort of your own car starting at 6.30pm. Suitable for families with children as well as adults. Spaces are limited, so booking is **essential**. For booking information visit [www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

All proceeds divided equally between SSYI and the Village Mobile Wardens Scheme. Please note that we will **only** be accepting cashcard donations.

**Carols by Car Light Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. - Two Volunteers needed from 5.30pm:** We need to find two volunteers who would please be prepared to help with the marshalling vehicles etc. Please speak to Simon if feel you could help.



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 28th November, 2021**

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

**Sunday 5th December, 2021**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18.30 Advent Hope service (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. **28/11/21**