

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 5th December, 2021 - The Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn12: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

- 1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.**
- 2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.**
- 4. Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.**
- 5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plr21LgFpg>

Kyrie:

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

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Baruch 5. 1 - 9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's

command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1. 3 - 11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gradual hymn 5: Hark! a herald voice is calling

- 1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
Oh ye children of the day!'**
- 2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.**
- 3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;**
- 4. So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.**
- 5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv31o1bxJWM>

Gospel: Luke 3. 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Offertory 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=saaHPgmps-g>

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: Gifts of bread and wine

1. Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love,
Taken offered, sanctified,
Blessed and broken, words of one who died:

Refrain

*'Take my body,
Take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine:
Christ our Lord.*

2. Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
As he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.' *Refrain*
3. To the Father, with the Spirit,
One in union with the Son,
For God's people, joined in prayer,
Faith is strengthened by the food we share. *Refrain*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-NLrnyjHo4&list=RD7-NLrnyjHo4&start_radio=1

Post Communion Prayer:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: Advent now is here

- 1 **Advent now is here, time to prepare
For the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Light the Advent candles one by one,
Jesus Christ is coming Alleluia!**

Refrain

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesus Christ is coming, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Jesus Christ is coming, Alleluia!*

- 2 **Jesus brings us peace, love and joy,
Let us now give thanks to him at his birth.
Watch the bright candles shine in the dark,
Help us to prepare now to greet our Lord.**

Refrain

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). 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.

Service of Advent hope today: Julie Norris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Anne Roberts Zoom Service

Time: Dec 5, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87597665462?pwd=anpsNHpXem1USUhmUHU5T0ZBTzhMdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 9766 5462

Passcode: 002840

Marriage: Congratulations to Teggy Ramsey and Jenny Webb whose marriage took place at St Mary's yesterday.

Cambridge City Foodbank: A reminder that our monthly collection takes place **today**, 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 takes place today. It is requested that gifts are left unwrapped.

Next Sunday: A special service for families and children - **Christingle Service with 'Pop Up' Nativity - 4pm at St Mary's.** (No Zoom service).

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. 11th and Sun. 12th Dec. Talk by artist Rick Nelms at **4pm on Saturday 11th.** 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. 22nd 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

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

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. We hope you will enjoy taking part.

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

7 December Advent Led by Anne

14 December Advent Led by Julie



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 December, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18.30 Advent Hope service
(by Zoom link)

Sunday 12th December, 2021

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
16.00 Christingle Service with 'Pop up' nativity

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator. **05/12/21**