

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 9th January, 2022 - The Baptism of Christ  
10:00 Parish Communion**

**Opening hymn 55: Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

- 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.**
- 2. He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.**
- 3. He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.**
- 4. Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.**
- 5. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is Love.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9x8MhZocm8>

**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:**

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43. 1 - 7**

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

**Second Reading: Acts 8. 14 - 17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Gradual hymn 58: The sinless one to Jordan came**

1. **The sinless one to Jordan came  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled  
And chose the path his Father willed.**
2. **Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven did witness bear  
That he, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.**
3. **Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.**
4. **How blest that mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone;  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
To wrestle with his people's foes.**

5. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin  
Go forth with you, a world to win,  
And send the Holy Spirit's power  
To shield them in temptation's hour.
6. On you shall all your people feed  
And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died, and with you rose.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVlqvU8KcL8>

**Gospel: Luke 3. 15 - 17, 21 - 22**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Offertory hymn 56: Songs of thankfulness and praise**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,

And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjT2SPzLw90>

**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 42: O love, how deep, how broad, how high!**

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
How passing thought and fantasy  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. He sent no angel to our race  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And he himself to this world came.
3. For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us to wicked men betrayed,  
Scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed;  
For us he bore the cross's death;  
For us at length gave up his breath.
5. For us he rose from death again,  
For us he went on high to reign,  
For us he sent his Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6. All honour, laud, and glory be,  
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete. **Amen.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ro78Htb7UM0>

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Final hymn 495: God is working his purpose out**

1. God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,

**When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

- 2. From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'**
- 3. What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?**
- 4. March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**
- 5. All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr3goa3DXsw>

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:** As you will have seen in the media in recent days, we are now in the grip of a fourth wave of Covid caused by the Omicron variant. The following simple guidance should help to reduce the risks of passing on the variant in the days ahead:-

- **Face masks** - the wearing of face masks in church is again now **compulsory**.
- **Lateral flow testing** - take a simple lateral flow test at home before coming into contact with others.
- **Symptoms** - if you have **any** cold-like symptoms, it would be wise not to attend.

By following these guides we can help ensure that we reduce the risks for others and for ourselves.

**Evening service today:** Julie Norris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Evening Worship

Time: 6.30pm on Sunday 9th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82492413307?pwd=TTRISG1KVjFTVksZSllXanF6Z0hLdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 9241 3307

Passcode: 273706

**Sincere thanks from Simon & Mary:** Thank you for the very kind gifts presented on Sunday. We shall treasure Anthony's picture of St Mary's - it will be a lasting memory of our nearly nine years in the village. The wine will be enjoyed in due course (!) and we will purchase something for our new home with the kind presentation cheque. I have already started my role and we will still be resident in the Vicarage until the end of Feb. so you will see us around the community for a few weeks yet.

Echoing the words from the Epiphany Service last Sunday, we wish Simon and Mary Farewell and Godspeed, as they move and begin their new venture. We are thankful for all that they have accomplished and shared with us over the past years.

**Drive in Carol Service:** The total amount taken on the evening of the Drive in Carols was £468. The Card reader fees totalled £7.90 and this element is covered by the Feast. The collection will be split between the Mobile Wardens Scheme and the Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI). Thank you to everyone involved in an enjoyable evening to benefit these schemes.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** The organisers were very pleased to receive our collection last week and asked that their sincere thanks are expressed to everyone who made a contribution. Please continue to support their valuable work, details can be found on their website - <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**The Pilgrim house group:** We will be restarting on January 11 at 1pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome. We plan to discuss the week's bible readings which you will have heard on Sunday, focusing primarily on the gospel reading. So do pay attention to the sermon and come with any questions! There is no need to attend every week, so drop in when you can. In the first week we shall look at habits and practices that will help us grow in the coming year and revisit our understanding of peace offered by the birth of Jesus. Philippians 4 4-9.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



CONNECTIONS

**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 9th January, 2022**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

**Sunday 16th January, 2022**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator. **09/01/22**