Opening hymn 234: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
   Christ, the true, the only light,
   Sun of Righteousness, arise,
   Triumph o'er the shades of night;
   Dayspring from on high, be near;
   Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
   Unaccompanied by thee;
   Joyless is the day's return,
   Till thy mercy's beams I see;
   Till they inward light impart,
   Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
   Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
   Fill me, radiance divine,
   Scatter all my unbelief;
   More and more thyself display,
   Shining to the perfect day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xvni-t_71-k>

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'ny 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Exodus 34. 29 - 35
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with
God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2
Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gradual hymn 343: Bright the vision that delighted

1. Bright the vision that delighted
   Once the sight of Judah’s seer;
   Sweet the countless tongues united
   To entrance the prophet’s ear.

2. Round the Lord in glory seated
   Cherubim and seraphim
   Filled his temple, and repeated
   Each to each the alternate hymn:

3. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
   Earth is with its fullness stored;
   Unto thee be glory given,
   Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.’

4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
   Earth takes up the angels' cry,
   'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
   'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.’

5. With his seraph train before him,
   With his holy Church below,
   Thus unite we to adore him,
   Bid we thus our anthem flow:

6. 'Lord thy glory fills the heaven;
   Earth is with its fullness stored;
   Unto thee be glory given,
   Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.’

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were
leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son—he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

Offertory hymn 400: Light of the minds that know him

1. Light of the minds that know him:
   May Christ be light to mine;
   My sun in risen splendour,
   My light of truth divine;
   My guide in doubt and darkness,
   My true and living way,
   My clear light ever shining
   My dawn of heaven's day.

2. Life of the souls that love him:
   May Christ be ours indeed;
   The living bread from heaven
   On whom our spirits feed;
   Who died for love of sinners
   To bear our guilty load,
   And make of life's brief journey
   A new Emmaus road.

3. Strength of the wills that serve him:
   May Christ be strength to me,
   Who stilled the storm and tempest,
   Who calmed the tossing sea;
   His Spirit's power to move me,
   His will to master mine,
   His cross to carry daily
   And conquer in his sign.

4. May it be ours to know him
   That we may truly love,
   And loving, fully serve him
   As serve the saints above;
   Till in that home of glory
   With fadeless splendour bright,
   We serve in perfect freedom
   Our Strength, our Life, our Light.  
   (no available link)

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.  

Communion hymn 308: Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee

1. Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
   Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
   Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
   Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
   Who living bread to men doth here afford!
   O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
   And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
   Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
   Increase our faith and love, that we may know
   The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

4. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
   May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
   To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
   The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lPOejwNqrl4>

Post Communion Prayer:
Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory! Great things he has done!

1. Perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. … Refrain

2. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. … Refrain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CeBoSqsBR0>
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.

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**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.

**Marriage Banns:** Please pray for Stephen Chetwynd and Rachel Barltrop whose Banns are being read for the first time today, as they prepare for their marriage.

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** Our monthly collection takes place next Sunday, 6th March. Please do all you can to support the work of the Foodbank. 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/](https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

**Children’s Society:** Over many, many years, St Mary’s has supported this cause, so let’s continue. Though the home collection boxes are now out-dated I am very happy to bank donations (cash or cheques payable to The Children’s Society) from anyone who would like to give to this work. Dorothy

**Date for your Diary:** Spring Deanery Fair on Saturday 9th April in Shelford Memorial Hall. The Fair will follow the long established format with Shelford responsible for the Cake stall and refreshments. Full details will follow.

**Food Box:** The PCC has agreed to place a Food Box in the church porch containing tins and dried produce. This is in recognition that current conditions are making it difficult for some to make funds stretch to pay for food. We hope that those who need food will take it, and others will share what they have. This is to complement the food collection going to the Food Bank.

**Brass cleaning:** We are very thankful to Brian Simms who currently cleans the brass in the church, but he would like to step down from this role and we are looking for someone who would like to take this on. Please contact churchwarden@stmarysgreatshelford.org if you would like to volunteer.
**Electoral Roll Revision:** It is the time of year when we need to revise the church Electoral Roll. Please check that your details are correct on the list at the back of church and let me know if they need to be updated. If your name is not on the list, please take a form from the back of the church and return it to me when it is completed. The revision closes on Sun. 27th March. Thank you. Wendy (Seekings) - m.seekings039@btinternet.com / 01223 843416

**The Pilgrim house group:** The Pilgrim house group met this week on Tuesday. Nine people were there. We discussed the story of Jesus calming the storm which seemed very appropriate given the recent weather, and how Jesus was a calming influence in the middle of the raging storm. We talked about situations such as illnesses or sorrows that we might consider to be our own storms, and how we turn to God at these times to help us through. We also read some modern translations of Chapter 4 of Revelations which we found very helpful. We finished off looking at Psalm 65 where a beautiful picture of God’s kingdom is described. We are asked to place our wrong doings before God, to be in tune with God and to see the beauty of the world. Next week we are meeting in Cara’s cafe for coffee and refreshments instead of our usual meeting. This is our last meeting until after Easter.

**The Lent Group:** The group will be studying Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s suggested Lent Book for 2022. The meetings will start on Tuesday 8 March and take place at 1pm via Zoom. [Meeting ID: 839 1398 0767 Passcode: Pilgrim] With apologies for the change to the day and time that was originally planned. It will enable those leading the course to attend. There will be 5 consecutive meetings. Everyone is very welcome. The book is available from Blackwells for £7.99. Please contact Anne or Julie for more details.

**Living Ely 2025 Deanery Development Planning Booklets:** There are pocket guides and Summary Guides at the back of the church which we encourage everyone to take and read. We will soon be starting to think about our Development Plan and the congregation as a whole can be involved in shaping our future ministry and mission.

**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 27th February, 2022**
- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00 Parish Communion
- 18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

**Sunday 6th March, 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.

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