Opening hymn 66: 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'  
   You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
   But you alone can grant us grace  
   To live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
   The unforgiving heart  
   That broods on wrongs, and will not let  
   Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your Cross reveals  
   The truth we dimly knew,  
   How small the debts men owe to us,  
   How great our debt to you.

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
   And bid resentment cease;  
   Then, reconciled to God and man,  
   Our lives will spread your peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTPDK9r3hzU>

Kyrie Eleison:  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.  
Richard Terry

Collect:  
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 15. 1 - 12, 17 - 18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-
pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

Second Reading: Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gradual hymn 73: My God, I love thee

1. My God, I love thee; not because
   I hope for heaven thereby,
   Nor yet because who love thee not
   Are lost eternally

2. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
   Upon the Cross embrace;
   For me didst bear the nails and spear,
   And manifold disgrace,

3. And griefs and torments numberless,
   And sweat of agony;
   E’en death itself; and all for one
   Who was thine enemy.

4. Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,
   Should I not love thee well,
   Not for the sake of winning heaven,
   Or of escaping hell;

5. Not with the hope of gaining aught,
   Not seeking a reward;
   But as thyself has lovèd me,
   O ever-loving Lord!

6. E’en so I love thee, and will love,
   And in thy praise will sing,
   Solely because thou art my God,
   And my eternal King.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYPJ82c2skQ>

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Offertory hymn: I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship

1. I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
   Should set His love upon the sons of men,
   Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand’rers,
   To bring them back, they know not how or when.
   But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlhem’s manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3. I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour.
When the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qh0RKetMB0o>

Sanctus/Benedictus:
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria, gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis, Hosanna in excelsis,
Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,
Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis. Richard Terry

Agnus Dei:
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona nobis pacem,
Pacem. Richard Terry

Communion hymn: In stillness come before the Lord

1 In stillness come before the Lord,
To bow your head in prayer.
His spirit moves around us now
His light shines everywhere.
He heals our hearts, uplifts our souls
He cleanses us from sin.
Let His light grow inside our hearts
To shine bright from within.
2 In stillness as our Lord did pray
   When at his darkest hour,
   Let us be still to hear his word,
   And feel his mighty power,
   Heads bowed in reverence to such light,
   As leaves no shadows there.
   For with the Lord who knowesr all
   Our hearts and souls are bared.

3 In stillness listen for His word;
   His love our souls doth feed.
   For those who come to Him, He will
   Fulfil our every need.
   Lord help us to do as you ask
   In this, our earthly life,
   That we may come at last to you
   And live in Heaven's light.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8oKEx1-J1w>

Post Communion Prayer:
Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn 235: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

1. Forth in they name, O Lord, I go,
   My daily labour to pursue;
   Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
   In all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
   O let me cheerfully fulfil;
   In all my works thy presence find,
   And prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Preserve me from my calling's snare,
   And hide my simple heart above,
   Above the thorns of choking care,
   The gilded baits of worldly love.

4. Thee may I set at my right hand,
   Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
   And labour on at thy command,
   And offer all my works to thee.

5. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
   And every moment watch and pray,
   And still to things eternal look,
   And hasten to thy glorious day;

6. For thee delightfully employ
   Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
   And run my course with even joy,
   And closely walk with thee to heaven.

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

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.

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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 final time today, as they prepare for their marriage.

**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/](https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

**Memorial bench:** It is intended to place a bench in memory of Joan Barnes on the Magog Down so people can sit and look at the wonder of nature created by God. If anyone would like to make a small contribution towards this please contact Gillian, Gillian.pett29@gmail.com

**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

**Deanery Spring Fair:** After a gap of two years, another Deanery Fair is being planned for Saturday 9 April, 10.00 to 12.00 noon in the Memorial Hall. Please keep the date free - the Deanery needs our support! Great Shelford will be responsible for the Cake Stall and Refreshments but every Parish is also asked to help collect items for all the stalls. So if you have books, bottles, gifts, toys, china and glass, home-made cakes and preserves, prizes, etc, do please get in touch with Bob or Dorothy Doel (Tel: 843946). Books need to be with them by Sunday 3 April, other items any time ahead of the Fair.

**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 Lent Group: The group will be studying Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s suggested Lent Book for 2022. The meetings started on Tuesday 8 March and take place at 1pm via Zoom. [Meeting ID: 839 1398 0767 Passcode: Pilgrim] 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 13th March, 2022
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

Sunday 20th 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.  

13/03/22