

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 15th May, 2022 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 Parish Communion

Opening hymn 103: Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven

1. Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.
4. Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty. Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46A6Dv8WgF8>

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:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Acts 11. 1 - 18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Second Reading: Revelation 21. 1 - 6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gradual hymn 285: For the beauty of the earth

1. **For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

2. **For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain**
3. **For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,**

**For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

- 4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***
- 5. For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Refrain***
- 6* For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzIYTe8uNdY>

Gospel: John 13. 31 - 35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Offertory hymn 310: We hail thy presence glorious

- 1. We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading
Thy perfect work of love.**
- 2. Through thee in every nation
Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation,
One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union,
One body with one head.**
- 3. O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self has given
To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token,
We break in thy dear name.**
- 4. O stream of love unending,
Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending
The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
In thy life-blood outpoured,**

**We drink this cup of blessing
And praise thy name, O Lord.**

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

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 276: Bread of heaven

- 1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living bread,
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of him who died.**
- 2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live;
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee..**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9O4QtEQzn4>

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Final hymn 401: Light's abode, celestial Salem

- 1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!**
- 2. There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.**
- 3. There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
There unknown are toil and care.**
- 4. O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,**

**When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!**

**5. Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.**

**6. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfY6l_hSsbw

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 future provision of a full-time vicar in Great Shelford. 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:

- **Face masks** - the wearing of face masks is no longer compulsory, but is recommended in crowded spaces and when moving around the church.
- **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.

Eileen Benroy RIP: whose funeral is on 16th May at 1.30pm at Cambridge City Crematorium East Chapel

Elizabeth Wareham RIP: whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on 24th May at 2pm.

We give thanks for their lives and pray for their families.

The Ashes of Mary Marsh will be interred in the churchyard of St. Mary's at a service on 25th May at 2.30 p.m.

Evening service by zoom

Trevor Ward is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Trevor Ward's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5906920741?pwd=dTJldDBHV2REZFNlc0hLeEhLRGdIQT09>

Meeting ID: 590 692 0741

Passcode: 676561

There is a Deanery Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm at Linton on 26th May.



Is there anyone willing to help serve tea and cake from the pavilion during the afternoon of Sunday 6th June, between 12 and 3pm for an hour slot, or to provide a cake (fully labelled with ingredients). Please could they get in touch with Diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk.

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.

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.



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 15th May, 2022 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

Sunday 22nd May, 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. **15/05/22**