Opening hymn 346: City of God, how broad and far

1. City of God, how broad and far  
   Outspread thy walls sublime!  
   The true thy chartered freemen are  
   Of every age and clime.

2. One holy Church, one army strong,  
   One steadfast, high intent;  
   One working band, one harvest-song,  
   One King omnipotent.

3. How purely hath thy speech come down  
   From man's primaeval youth!  
   How grandly hath thine empire grown  
   Of freedom, love and truth!

4. How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
   With never-fainting ray!  
   How rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
   To meet the dawning day!

5. In vain the surge's angry shock,  
   In vain the drifting sands:  
   Unharmed upon the eternal Rock  
   The eternal City stands.  

Samuel Johnson 1822 - 82

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBV0WfaBxMY>

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:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Jeremiah 2. 4 - 13
Hear the word of the LÒRD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LÒRD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LÒRD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LÒRD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LÒRD, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LÒRD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13. 1 - 8, 15 - 16
Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gradual hymn: For the healing of the nations

1 For the healing of the nations,  
   Lord, we pray with one accord,  
   For a just and equal sharing  
   Of the things that earth affords.  
   To a life of love in action  
   Help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
   From despair your world release;  
   That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
   All may come and go in peace.  
   Show us how through care and goodness  
   Fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living,  
   Let it from the earth be banned;  
   Pride of status, race or schooling  
   Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
   In our common quest for justice  
   May we hallow life’s brief span.

4 You, creator-God, have written  
   Your great name on humankind;  
   For our growing in your likeness  
   Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
   That by our response and service  
   Earth its destiny may find.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i19LqSpPxmo>
Gospel: Luke 14. 1 , 7 - 14
On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Offertory hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
   Forgiven, loved, and free,
   In awe and wonder to recall
   His life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
   To find, as all are fed,
   The new community of love
   In Christ’s communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
   Each proud division ends.
   That love that made us makes us one,
   And strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord,
   His presence, always near,
   Is in such friendship better known;
   We see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
   We’ll go our different ways,
   And as his people in the world,
   We’ll live and speak his praise.

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

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 294: Just as I am, without one plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea
   But that thy blood was shed for me,
   And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,

Refrain: O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
   With many a conflict, many a doubt,
   Fightings within, and fears without, Refrain

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
   Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
   Yea all I need, in thee to find, Refrain

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
   Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
   Because thy promise I believe, Refrain

5. Just as I am (thy love unknown
   Has broken every barrier down),
   Now to be thine, yea thine alone, Refrain

6. Just as I am, of that free love
   The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
   Here for a season then above,
   O Lamb of God, I come. Charlotte Elliott 1789 - 1871
   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enJ8JzW_A48>

Post communion prayer:
Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve
us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn 368: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1   Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
    Pilgrim through this barren land;
    I am weak, but thou art mighty,
    Hold me with thy powerful hand:
    Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
    Feed me till I want no more,
    Feed me till I want no more.

2   Open now the crystal fountain
    Whence the healing stream doth flow;
    Let the fire and cloudy pillar
    Lead me all my journey through:
    Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
    Be thou still my strength and shield,
    Be thou still my strength and shield.

3   When I tread the verge of Jordan,
    Bid my anxious fears subside;
    Death of death, and hell's Destruction
    Land me safe on Canaan's side:
    Songs of praises, songs of praises
    I will ever give to thee,
    I will ever give to thee. Welsh William Williams 1717 - 91
    Tr. Peter Williams 1777 - 96 and others
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j48TLIRb4Q

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, regrettfully, 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. 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.

Evening service by zoom:
Topic: Trevor Ward's Zoom Evening Worship
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5906920741?pwd=dTJldDBHV2REZFNjc0hLeEhLRGdlQT09
Meeting ID: 590 692 0741
Passcode: 676561

Friends’ Tea Party: On 4th August Trevor and Richard generously hosted one of their legendary Tea Parties for the Friends. In their delightful garden we were served Afternoon Tea in traditional style. Donations were invited and £1,118 was raised towards the Friends’ Refurbishment Fund. Special thanks to Trevor, Richard and their helpers but also to all whose appreciation was reflected in the generous donations.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place next Sunday, 4th September. 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/

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.

The Pilgrim house group: The Pilgrim house group will be restarting on 12 September at 2pm in the Community Room, meeting weekly. This is an informal group of about 10 and we meet to discuss bible passages usually following a book or any teaching material we can find. We plan to discuss Luke’s Gospel using the following booklets from the Diocese of Norwich which has been very popular. New members very welcome.

Mapping Luke — Diocese of Norwich
A unique way to explore the Gospel of Luke through this set of five bible study maps; perfect for small groups or individual reflection.

Do let me know if you would like a copy- at £2.99 they are a bargain.

We shall start off by reviewing some of the unexplored topics from Mark’s Gospel for a couple of weeks.
Anne 07745562702

Support for Ukrainian families: Charles and Caroline Kingdon were asked by the PCC if there was any help that the group needed to support the Ukrainian families who are staying in Great Shelford. This is the reply… There are a number of things that spring immediately to mind. We need volunteers to help with the clothing collection/sale and help with organising a bike sale. It was suggested last evening that it would be a great idea to have a stall at the Feast. The latter could take many forms e.g., food/information and needs pulling together. Maybe you could see if anyone in St Mary’s would like to help take on any of these roles. There is also a Ukrainian church in Peterborough www.ucc-gb.com/peterborough. It would be absolutely marvellous if someone was willing to take a group of Ukrainians up say once a month. If you can help please contact them at openarmsgranta@gmail.com.

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. Now that we have started to think about our Development Plan, 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 28th August, 2022
- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00 Parish Communion
- 18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

Sunday 4th September, 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.  28/08/22