Parish of St Mary the Virgin
Great Shelford

Family and Holy Communion
4th September 2022

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5 16
HYMN

Morning has broken like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven.
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day.

Morning has broken like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

THE GREETING

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The president greets the people

INTRODUCTION

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
All and also with you.
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
All Let us rejoice and sing God’s praise for ever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Please sit or kneel to pray
God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We remain standing to sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer,

    God of glory,
    the end of our searching,
    help us to lay aside
    all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
    and to give all that we have
    to gain the pearl beyond all price,
    through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Please sit for the readings

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18. 2 - 6
The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD.

At the end the reader says
This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Short silence then please stand to sing

HYMN - This Little Light Of Mine
Refrain
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

1 The light that shines is the light of love,
Lights the darkness from above,
It shines on me and it shines on you,
And shows what the power of love can do.
I’m gonna shine my light both far and near,
I’m gonna shine my light both bright and clear,
Where there’s a dark corner in this land,
I’m gonna let my little light shine.       Refrain

2 On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday peace came from above.
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
On Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
On Friday he told me to watch and pray,
On Saturday he told me just what to say,
On Sunday he gave me the pow’r divine
To let my little light shine.       Refrain

GOSPEL READING
Alleluia, alleluia
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
But will have the light of life.

All Alleluia.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:  Luke
Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
At the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Activity based around the Bidding Prayer
“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5.16

SERMON

Short silence

An Affirmation of Faith
Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel to pray and respond in the following way.

Lord in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

At the end
Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE Please stand
God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ, be our light

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
    Longing for truth, we turn to you.
    Make us your own, your holy people,
    Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light. Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
    Longing for hope, many despair.
    Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
    Make us your living voice.

Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
    Longing for water, many still thirst.
    Make us your bread, broken for others,
    Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
    Longing for warmth, many are cold.
    Make us your building, sheltering others,
    Walls made of living stones.

Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
    Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
    Let us be servants to one another,
    Making your kingdom come.  Refrain

During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. UK tax-payers, please use a Gift Aid envelope.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

All  Amen.

Please remain standing

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The president says

The Lord is here.

All  His Spirit is with us.
    Lift up your hearts.

All  We lift them to the Lord.
    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All  It is right to give thanks and praise.
Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
And now we give you thanks
You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,
everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All

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

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ’s body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.’

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.’

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question  How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
Answer  Listen, and we will hear.  
Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with The Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All  Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread

All  Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God’s holy gifts  
for God’s holy people.

All  Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

If you are a member of a Christian Church you are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you would like instead to receive a blessing please carry this Booklet.
THE COMMUNION HYMN - Gifts of bread and wine

1 Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love,
Taken offered, sanctified,
Blessed and broken, words of one who died:

Refrain

'Take my body,
Take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine:
Christ our Lord

2 Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
As he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'

Refrain

3 To the Father, with the Spirit,
One in union with the Son,
For God's people, joined in prayer,
Faith is strengthened by the food we share.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All
Lord,
we have broken your bread and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

NOTICES

After the notices, please stand to sing

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All  Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All  In the name of Christ. Amen.

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You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service. (Turn right outside church door)

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

**Topic:** Sunday Evening Zoom Service

**Time:** This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5280143141?pwd=TndUaGkwRjRzZFE5LzhoQmJGbFazdz09

Meeting ID: 528 014 3141

Passcode: SundayEve

**Cambridge City Foodbank:** Our monthly collection takes place today. 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.

**Shelford Free Church Eco fest:** Come along to the second Shelford Free Church Eco fest, 10am-2pm on Saturday 10th September, in conjunction with 2G3S Repair Café. Free entry with games, crafts and activities for all the family.

Bring your excess produce to swap, or your no-longer-needed baby clothes, make a hedgehog craft, win an eco toilet roll, buy ethically-sourced wholesale food, learn about tips on keeping warm this winter and so much more.


**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 4th September, 2022
08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

Sunday 11th 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.

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