

**Parish of St Mary the Virgin
Great Shelford**



**Family and Holy Communion
2nd October 2022**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Life-Giving Food

**'So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground
that you, O LORD, have given me.'
I bow down before you and celebrate
with all the bounty that you have given.**

From Deuteronomy 26.11

THE GATHERING

Please stand to sing

HYMN 264

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

2. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

3. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky; *Refrain*

4. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, -
He made them every one; *Refrain*

6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Mrs C.F. Alexander 1818 - 95

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

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

We thank God for the Licensing of Rosey as an LLM.

We thank God for the ministry of Maureen who has served as a Reader/LLM for more than 34 years.

We thank God for the bounty of God's World.

INTRODUCTION

In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible – all things have been created through him and for him. *Colossians 1.16*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Please sit or kneel to pray

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us 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, Heavenly 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,

All Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Please sit for the readings

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Philippians 4. 4 - 9 (*see Pew sheet*)

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

HYMN 285

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*

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*

Words: F.S. Pierpoint 1835-1917

Music: England's Lane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0-FVHStYvc>

GOSPEL READING

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

cf John 4.35,36

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6. 25 – 35 (*see Pew sheet*)

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Gillian introduces the ideas of the collage.

Everyone writes (or draws) on their leaves

This Harvest,

I am thankful for,

I want to pray about.

These are gathered in to make a border for the collage.

SERMON

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

Please sit or kneel to pray. 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

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. *cf Galatians*
5.22,23

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 262

During the hymn, gifts are gathered and presented.

1. We plough the fields, and scatter

The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:

*Refrain: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2. He only is the Maker

Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread: *Refrain*

3. We thank thee then, O Father,

For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts: *Refrain*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever. 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.

Question *Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

Answer *Listen, and we will hear.*

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
because you make us stewards of your creation,
to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.
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.

Question *Why do we share this bread and wine?*

Answer *Listen, and we will hear.*

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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 259

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;**

Raise the song of harvest-home!

- 2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

- 3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.**

- 4. Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!**

Words: H.Alford. Music: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR (Elvey)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FqdCskCOQE&t=13s>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared
in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us and
make us generous and wise stewards of the good things
we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

**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.

Diary of a Church Mouse by John Betjeman

Read by Dr Anthony Cooper



NOTICES

Please stand to sing

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

***Refrain: Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.***

Give thanks for the sun, the wind and the rain.

And thanks for the crops that feed us again.

The corn safely cut is gathered inside.

We thank you, O Lord, that you can provide. *Refrain*

The trees ripe with fruit stand proud in the sun,

We gather them now that summer is gone.

For yours is the wonder, yours is the power,

Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower. *Refrain:*

So in all our plenty, help us to see,

The needs all around whatever they be.

With food for the body, strength for the soul,

It's healing and caring, making them whole. *Refrain*

Words and music by Jancis Harvey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd6XGvqNGVc>

THE DISMISSAL

We thank God for the food for the body that makes us strong.

We thank God for food for the soul, to make us grateful and resilient.

THE BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and 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.



***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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The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 2nd October, 2022 - Harvest Festival
10:00 Parish Communion**

First Reading: Philippians 4. 4 - 9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John 6. 25 - 35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Evening service by zoom: Julie Norris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Evening Zoom Service / 2nd October

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5280143141?pwd=TndUaGkwRjRrZFE5LzhoQmJGbFAzd09>

Meeting ID: 528 014 3141

Passcode: SundayEve

Julie Norris: Congratulations to Julie, and thank you to all who attended the collation service and made it a memorable occasion.

Rosey Feuell: Congratulations to Rosey on her licensing as an LLM, and a warm welcome to St Mary's in an official capacity

Harvest Festival: Today we celebrate Harvest Festival and there is a chance to support those in need as part of the celebrations.

For the Harvest Festival giving this year we would like to ask for monetary donations to Cambridge City Food Bank. There is a collection point in the Community Room, and envelopes are available in church. You can also donate online:

https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/20381?_ga=2.51369641.167696447.1663583443-492441644.1663583443#!/DonationDetails

Harvest Refreshments: This year we are holding a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch. We hope that after the Parish Communion everyone will join us in the Community Room. Please bring your own cutlery for the lunch.

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 group is meeting every Monday at 2pm in the Community Room. We are about to start our new book of Mapping Luke, which explores Luke's gospel through reflection, art, poetry and music. The course covers well known readings from the gospel, such as the Presentation of Jesus, the Healing of a Paralysed man, The Lords Prayer, the Prodigal Son and the Road to Emmaus.

Everyone is welcome and there is no need to attend all meetings. We aim for each meeting to be self contained. Please phone Anne on 07745 562702 for more information.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2022

Venue: The Youth Centre, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford

Time: 8.00 pm

Changes in regulations governing charities and the growth in the work of SSYI require its organisational structure to change from an Association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

To bring about the change a number of resolutions must be passed at the EGM.

For more information contact: secretary@ssyi.club

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

