

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



Charity No: 245456

**Sunday 4th December, 2022 - The Second Sunday in Advent
08:00 Parish Communion**

Collect

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 11. 1 - 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Second Reading: Romans 15. 4 - 13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1 - 12

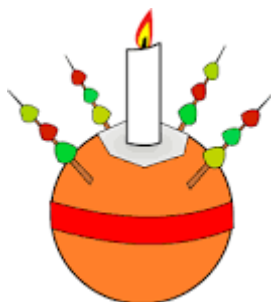
In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his

sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Parish of St Mary the Virgin Great Shelford

Family and Holy Communion Toy Service and Christingle

4th December, 2022



THE GATHERING

Please stand to sing

THE OPENING 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
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

**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 ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaTwx0ehbvM>

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

Today we are preparing ourselves for Christmas by remembering how John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as he told people that the Kingdom of God is here, and that it is time to prepare.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Child lights two candles

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *1 Corinthians 4.5*

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

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

David Thorne

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.

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer,

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and
minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again we may be ready to receive
him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

FIRST READING Romans 15.5-7

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Short silence then please stand to for the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 3. 1 - 12 (The Message Bible)

While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "the Baptizer," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

John and his message were authorized by Isaiah's prophecy:

Thunder in the desert!

Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you O Lord.

Please be seated children come to the front

STORY SERMON

How do we prepare for the coming of Jesus?

The Meaning Of The Christingle

The children make up their Christingles at the front



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 will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore**

During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Today these include any toys which will then go to the Salvation Army.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE TOYS TO BE GIVEN AWAY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bless the toys that we send to others, and bless the children who will receive them. May their Christmas be a day which they can enjoy in celebration of the birth of Jesus. **Amen**

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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 in him you have received us as your sons
and daughters, joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

**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.
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

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.'
Do this as often as you drink it
In remembrance of me.

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,

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 6: Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.
2. He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace;
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeBRYhG86x0>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world

and will send him again to bring justice:

give us grace so to imitate him and when he comes again, may we be ready to greet him with love.

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.

NOTICES

After the notices, please stand to sing

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

NOTICES

HYMN [The Christingle Song](#)

The Christingle begins with an orange,
like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of his glory,
all around we see his love displayed.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!



Sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
and the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
that the love of God is everywhere.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
telling us of the world's true light.
For the darkness shall not overcome it,
Jesus shines on in the darkest night.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!

DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be 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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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

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

Sun 4th December: Christingle and Toy Service 10am Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift.

Saturday 10th December: Christmas Tree Festival 2pm - 6pm at St Mary's. Trees decorated by local community groups, refreshments and raffle available.

Sunday 11th December: Songs of Praise 5pm. Songs chosen by community groups/individuals.

Sunday 18th December: Outdoor Church for Families and Children

3. 30 p.m. Nativity Play around the village ,ending at St Mary's.

Saturday 24th December: Crib Service 4pm.

Zoom Compline in Advent: A seasonal series around the Advent Virtues and our own approach to Bethlehem: Tuesdays at 9pm for about 25 minutes



Tuesday, 6th December: Hope and Journey to Bethlehem

Tuesday, 13th December: Love, Perseverance and Shepherds

Tuesday, 20th December: Peace, Welcome, Innkeeper and Stable

Rosemary Feuell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rosemary Feuell's Zoom Meeting - a recurring Meet anytime Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83051816442?pwd=YzNiWklDalU0aXhjWIR4UG45czdZQT09Meeting> ID: 830 5181 6442 Passcode: 894250

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place **today, Sunday, 4th December**. 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.

Gift Day: Thank you for your donations to our Gift Day Appeal 2022. The total given so far is £1000. If you wish to donate and haven't done so already, it's not too late. The collection will run for the next few weeks. Please ensure any cheque donations are made payable to Great Shelford PCC. If you require the PCC Bank details for BACS donations, please contact me by email. treasurer@stmarysgreatshelford.org Thank you for your continued support.

The Pilgrim house group: The Pilgrim house group has continued to meet on Monday afternoons at 2 pm in the Community Room. We have recently looked at The Lord's Prayer, reflecting on its familiarity, looking at contemporary written versions and different settings to music. St Benedict was stern in its inclusion in the daily offices of the Benedictine order. We are currently studying the Prodigal Son and are looking at the behaviour of the two sons and the father in the story.

5 December Luke's Christmas Story - a reflection led by Rosey.

No meetings until 9 January 2023.

All very welcome. Starts at 2pm. The meetings on 28 November and 5 December are stand alone events and part of our Advent preparations. Do come along if you can.

FAIR TRADE STALL

The global Fair Trade system ensures a set of standards protecting the rights, production and sale of goods of farmers and worker in developed and newly developing countries.

We would very much like to reintroduce a monthly Fair Trade stall when we meet, perhaps starting in a small way with the sale of packaged items such as tea, coffee, chocolate etc.

Would someone like to take this on at St. Mary's? It requires organisation of the ordering and display of goods and the provision of a certain amount of dry storage for them.

Do please talk about this with one of the Ministry Team if you're interested in such a worthwhile scheme. MD

Great Shelford's Warm Hub: The hub has now opened. It provides a regular place where people can come to stay warm and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee each day at the following venues.

Monday - Great Shelford Free Church 10:00 - 16:00
(ties in with the Community Café in the morning)

Tuesday - Great Shelford Free Church 10:00 - 16:00

Wednesday - Great Shelford Memorial Hall 09:00 - 15:00
(ties in with the Country Market in the morning)

Thursday - Great Shelford Free Church 10:00 - 16:00

Friday - Great Shelford Free Church 10:00 - 16:00

We are looking for volunteers who can agree to be part of a rota to support this initiative. If you are able to offer a few hours over the coming months, to be present and welcoming to those who may need to spend time somewhere warm and friendly, then please contact. Libby White. clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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 December, 2022

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Family Communion
Christingle and Toy Service
18.30 Evening Prayer by Zoom

Sunday 11th December, 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

04/12/22