

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 29th January, 2023 - Candlemas
08:00 Parish Communion

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3. 1 - 5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2. 14 - 18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2. 22 - 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Zoom Sunday Evening Worship: Zoom Sunday Evening Worship: Trevor Ward is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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=dTJldDBHV2REZFNIc0hLeEhLRGdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 590 692 0741

Passcode: 676561

Catherine Elizabeth Wilson RIP: Catherine died in December 2022.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate her life on 30 January 2023

in St Mary the Virgin Church at 11am. This will be followed by the

interment of her ashes in the Churchyard.

Gift Day: The Gift Day Appeal total to date is £4,367. Thank you for your generous support. It is much appreciated.

We have had an offer to match any fundraising for the church to the end of January. If anyone was intending to make a Gift Day donation and would like to do this before the end of the month, this will be doubled.

Alms: In January the collections will be for Shelford School.

Community Room: Those who stay on for Sunday refreshments may have noticed that a 'Silent Santa' has passed by! A big thank you to the family who kindly gave us the new mugs: so much appreciated. Also thank you for your weekly donations for Coffee etc. What happened to your 2022 giving? £185 was sent to MACS (Malawi Association for Christian Support) - a group we have supported for many years. £185 was put into the PCC general fund and we also provided the liquid refreshments for the special occasions during the year.

£140 from the Christingle and Crib Services has been sent to the Children's Society, another charity we have supported for many years.

Cambridge City Foodbank: Our monthly collection takes place **next Sunday, 5th February**. 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.

COFFEE MORNING: If the thought of a cup of coffee and some sociability together on a Saturday morning appeals to you, do please come to the Community Room between 10.30 – 12.00 on **Saturday 4th February** if you'd like to help in any way with this, please have a word with Maureen (details on pew sheet).

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

The Pilgrim house group: Pilgrim Group Meeting in the Community Room on Mondays at 2pm in January until the start of Lent. We are going to spend some time looking at 'Living in Love and Faith'. This is a course which the national Church of England has asked local churches to consider. It looks at relationships and how we can live, work and love people who have different views from us. Our next meeting is on 30th January.

The Aitches playing live in our Parish Church on Saturday 25th February 7.30pm

The Aitches are four students from Bottisham Village College and myself, who formed a band before lockdown and have been together since.

The students have now left the College and go to sixth forms. We play in venues around Cambridge.

We play music from Elton John, Adel, Abba, ELO, Prince, to name but a few.

Please come and support these young people.
Tickets £10.00 under 16s £5.00 from Kim Lane
All proceeds to the Organ Fund

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 29th January 2023 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Family and Parish
Communion
18.30 Zoom Evening Service

Sunday 5th February, 2023 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Parish Communion
18.30 Zoom Evening Service

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Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made please to the Parish Administrator **29/01/23**