

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

**Family and Holy Communion
Epiphany**

8th January, 2023



THE GATHERING

THE OPENING HYMN

Please stand to sing



**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

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With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
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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

Arise shine, for your light has come;

All The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

All The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Please sit or kneel to pray

Let us ask God to help us see what needs to be changed if we are to be light for others.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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.

THE COLLECT

**All Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

FIRST READING Isaiah 60. 1-3 and 6b.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn... They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

We are going on a Star Hunt.

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 2. 1-12

Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Lord.

Congregation and children sit except for the three kings.

Three gifts for a King

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

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

2 Corinthians 5.17

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

During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Words: A.W.Chatterton Dix Music: GREENSLEEVES

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

All 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
for, by the leading of a star,
you have revealed your only Son to the world,
that in following him
we are led from darkness into his marvellous light.
Therefore we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of 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.
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

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, 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.**

NOTICES

After the notices, please stand to sing

HYMN



We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of light,

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

O star of wonder, star of light,

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb

O star of wonder, star of light,

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies

O star of wonder, star of light,

DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
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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Zoom Evening Service: 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

Gift Day: The Gift Day Appeal total to the end 2022 is £3995. 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.

Cambridge City Foodbank: The organisers were very pleased to receive our donations last week and asked that their sincere thanks are expressed to everyone who made a contribution. Please continue to support their valuable work, details can be found on their website - <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Our next collection will be made on Sunday **5th February, 2023**

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.

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 first meeting is on 9 January.

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



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 8th January 2023

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

Sunday 15th January, 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

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