

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 5th March, 2023 - The Second Sunday of Lent 2023
08:00 Parish Communion

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 12. 1 - 4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Reading: Romans 4. 1 - 5, 13 - 17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3. 1 - 17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Zoom Sunday Evening Worship: 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

Alms: In March the collections will be for Winter Comfort.

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.

Memorial service: We will be remembering and celebrating the life of Jane Way on 9 March 2023 at 2pm, in St Mary the Virgin Church. Tony wishes to invite everyone who knew Jane to join us.

Lent Group: Our Lent started last Monday and meets for a further four weeks on the following dates, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

We are meeting in The Vicarage, 12 Church Street, at 2pm.

The book is Failure: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2023 £10.11 Amazon.co.uk 30-day returns (most items)

The book costs £10.11 but is cheaper on Kindle.

Don't worry about getting a copy as we plan to photocopy relevant parts as we go along.

Julie is leading most of the sessions with help from others as needed.

The book aims to look at different kinds of failures, some in error, some foolish, some that require apologies, and also discuss how we try not to fail by putting down firm foundations.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend and it will not be necessary to be at all meetings.

The meetings last a little over 1 hour.

Please see Julie or Anne (07745 562702) for more information.



GREAT SHELFORD FRIENDSHIP GROUP for older men and women has restarted in our Parish Community Room on **THURSDAYS at 2.30pm in term-time**

We have space for more members - maybe some of our congregation would like to join us since we include all kinds of interests. I am wondering if anyone is able to lend or donate any board games or similar, jigsaws etc. for us to use – previous organisers supplied these but inevitably recalled them over time!!

Offers to talk or demonstrate something on an occasional basis would be very welcome too!

Please contact Rosey Feuill, LLM - 01223 213305 / roseyleaf@talktalk.net – or come along one Thursday!



Warm Hub: The hub continues to provide a place where people can come to stay warm and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee as follows:-

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

Wednesday - Great Shelford Memorial Hall 09:00 - 12:00
(closes when the Country Market finishes)



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 5th March, 2023

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

Sunday 12th March, 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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