

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



**PARISH COMMUNION**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

## THE GATHERING

### THE OPENING HYMN

*Please stand to sing*

1. **Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.**
2. **Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**
3. **For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.**
4. **In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.**
5. **Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best which thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.**

*Words: Francis Pott 1832-1909 Music: ANGEL VOICES (Sullivan)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVYIIQEB2yE>

### 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*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

And now we call to mind the times  
when we have not valued the love of others,  
And when we have not loved others as Christ loves us.

*Please sit or kneel to pray*

Your love gives us life from the beginning.  
Forgive us when we do not live as your children.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

You call us to use our gifts for good.  
Forgive us when we only seek our own good  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help.  
Forgive us when we ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

## KYRIE ELEISON (Lord have mercy)

*Please remain sitting or kneeling and join the Choir to sing the Kyrie*

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.** *Richard Terry*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen

*We stand and pray together as the children prepare to leave for their activities in the Community Room:*

**All** Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to him, and welcomes those who come to him now. Look with love upon these children and protect them with your care. May they grow in wisdom, age and strength in your presence and in the sight of all. We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

*We remain standing as we are able as the president introduces a period of silent prayer:*

Having been reconciled to God,  
let us pray that our hearts may be open and receptive to hear his word to us.

**All** God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow

**we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen**

*Please sit for the readings*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1. 20 – 28**

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord **All**      **Thanks be to God**

#### **SECOND READING Colossians 3. 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord  
**All**      **Thanks be to God**

#### **Gradual hymn 353: Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

- 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.**
- 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.**
- 3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!**
- 4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.**
- 5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;**

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm! *John Whittier 1807-92*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsCLNuU6Td0>>353

## GOSPEL READING

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All** **Praise to you O Lord.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Short silence*

## THE CREED

Let us stand to affirm our faith.

**All** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead, and  
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please sit or kneel to pray and respond in the following way.*

*At the end of each prayer*

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*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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.*

**Offertory hymn 185: Sing we of the blessed Mother**

- 1. Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.**
- 2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.**
- 3. Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word;  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,**

Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest through wind and flame.

4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face. *G.B. Timms b 1910*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYZ4MbY5kG0>

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

- All** All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you. 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.

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
Loving and faithful,  
Holy and strong

You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
And clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
To celebrate and sing:

## Sanctus/Benedictus:

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria, gloria tua,  
Hosanna in excelsis, Hosanna in excelsis,  
Benedictus, benedictus qui venit in nomine,  
In nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,  
Hosanna in excelsis, in excelsis.** *Richard Terry*

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took bread and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

All **Jesus Christ has died:  
Jesus Christ is risen:  
Jesus Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit.  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

All **Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

All **Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son and the Holy Spirit  
One God, for ever and 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

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi  
Dona nobis pacem, Pacem.** *Richard Terry*



*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

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*
3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight: *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*
- 6\* For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love: *Refrain F.S. Pierpoint 1835-1917*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We sit or kneel in prayer*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your  
goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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.

## SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK

*We welcome the children from Sunday Club who have joined us for Communion and hear what they have been doing today.*

*After the notices, please stand to sing*

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith b1926 based on St. Luke 1. 46-55 in New English Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=690xqkgXznY>

*We remain standing for the prayer and blessing.*

## Prayer for Mothers

Thank you God for the love of our mothers,  
And all who care for us;  
Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;  
and the pains they have borne for us;  
Thank you God for all that they give us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.

## ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Zoom Sunday Evening Worship:

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=YzNiWkI DalU0aXhjWIR4UG45czdZQT09Meeting> ID: 830 5181 6442  
Passcode: 894250

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

**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.

**Open Space:** The next Open Space will be at 3pm on Sunday 26th March. Meet behind cara Coffee, families welcomed for fun and games with a Christian message.

**Great Shelford Free Church** are having Lent Lunches on Monday 27th March, 12 till 2pm. Lunch will be soup, a roll, cheese with fruit. On the 27th March, we will be talking about the work of Centre of Hope. We welcome friends from St Mary's and donations would be gratefully received.

**Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all those who came to coffee last Saturday morning, as a result of which we were able to send a further sum of £77.00 to Christian Aid.

Our next Get-together will be in the Community Room on Saturday 1st April, 10.30-12.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Aitches concert** raised £630 for the organ fund

I would like to thank everyone who helped me to put on this event, and also everyone who came., In particular to Julie who had the initial idea.

Hopefully there will be a similar event in the Autumn, with Emma and the Dinosaurs, and perhaps the Aitches will come back next year.

**Lent Group:** Our Lent started last Monday and meets for a further two weeks on the following dates, 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.

**Buffet Dinner** at the Navigator, Little Shelford, 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th March. This is a social gathering we hope you'll enjoy! It's also a chance to support our 'Friends' fund-raising efforts. Tickets for the meal are £20, now available from Trevor ([trevorward@gmail.com](mailto:trevorward@gmail.com) or Tel: 01223-843146). Please contact him early so we can plan numbers. Drinks can be purchased separately on the night and any donation over and above these costs will help support the 'Friends' work for St Mary's. Do come and join us!

**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)

Friday - Great Shelford Free Church 10:00 - 12:00

  
0800 804 8044  
**DailyHOPE**  
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 19th March, 2023**                      08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00 Parish Communion  
18.30 Zoom Evening Service

**Sunday 26th 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 **19/03/23**