

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford



Charity No: 245456

Sunday 12th March, 2023 - The Third Sunday of Lent

Opening hymn 234: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1. **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**
2. **Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
3. **Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.** *Charles Wesley 1707-88*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xvni-t_71-k

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.

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

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Exodus 17. 1 - 7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Second Reading: Romans 5. 1 - 11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gradual hymn 471: We love the place, O God (omitted vv3 & 4)

**1. We love the place, O God,
Wherein thine honour dwells;
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.**

**2. We love the house of prayer,
Wherein thy servants meet;
And thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.**

**5. We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.**

**6. We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But O, we long to know
The triumph-song of heaven!**

**7. Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love thee more,
In heaven to see thy face,
And with thy saints adore.**

*William Bullock 1798-1874
and H.W. Baker 1821-77*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np79kkXbIV0>

Gospel: John 4. 5 - 42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in

Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Offertory hymn 414: O for a closer walk with God

1. **O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!**
2. **Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.**
3. **The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.**
4. **So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.** *William Cowper 1731-1800*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-iJxtsJ0XE>

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*

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*

Communion Hymn 376: I heard the voice of Jesus say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done. *Horatius Bonar 1808-89*

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final hymn: And can it be

1. And can it be, that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
(Repeat last two lines)
2. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. *(rpt)*
3. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace,
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me! *(rpt)*
4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. (rpt)

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. (rpt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC8HSEKtuio>

ST. MARY'S GREAT SHELFORD - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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=dTJldDBHV2REZFNlc0hLeEhLRGdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 590 692 0741

Passcode: 676561

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

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 **2nd April**.

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: 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 three weeks on the following dates, 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 £10.11Amazon.co.uk30-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 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 - 12:00
(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



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 12th March, 2023 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00 Family and Parish Communion
18.30 Zoom Evening Service

Sunday 19th 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 **12/03/23**