**Welcome to St Mary’s Church.**

Let there be light…………………………God’s first words spoken at the dawn of creation. Light, cutting through the darkness, opening our eyes to the wonders and beauty of the world, opening our minds to the needs of each other. Electricity has rather spoiled us, just a flick of the switch and the darkness is dispelled, but it is always there waiting for the light to go. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world” Without His presence in our lives, without His protection and guidance we may stumble in the dark, into evil, into sin. He is always there for us and no darkness can take Him away.

**Mia Ward will be baptised** at a service **today** starting at **11.45am**, so please pray for her and her family, and also please could you make you way to the Community Room for Coffee swiftly after the service ends.

**Sunday 23 February eWorship** is an Evensong led by Rev Chris at 6.30pm.

Chris Shore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting at 6.30pm

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76807844895?pwd=WKv2q6lqOj8u1NkNUG8OH3Db6wA6Za.1

**Meeting ID: 768 0784 4895 Passcode: 9cGeDWTopic:**

**FUTURE SERVICES**

**Wednesday 5th March**

**Ash Wednesday**

10:30 Holy Communion (BCP)

18.30 Parish Communion

both with Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday 2nd March**

**Next Sunday Before Lent**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Parish Communion

18.30 Zoom eWorship

**Sunday 9th March Lent 1**

08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Family & Parish Communion

18.30 Zoom eWorship

**We remember the life of Andrew Schofield RIP.** His funeral will take place on 17 March at 2.30pm at St Mary the Virgin Great Shelford, with a private cremation following. We remember Margaret and his family in our prayers.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Over the coming weeks we will be having builders working on the roof and on the organ. This means that it is likely to be noisy in church and that you need to take particular care if you come into the building.

**NOTICES & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The Pilgrim Group** meets on **Monday 24 February** at the home of **David and Norma Coggins at 2pm**. We are continuing the ‘Connect’ series which looks at contemporary issues and how these connect with faith. This final session is on ‘Nature’. Each session stands alone, so if you missed the others you will still be able to join in. Those who come have told me that they find the content of the sessions, ‘moving’. Contact Rev Julie for more information.

**‘Quiet Time.’ Wednesday** **26 February at 7pm at The Vicarage**. We are going to be introducing a time of quiet reflection and meditation using tools offered by Julian of Norwich, Centering Prayer, Ignatius of Lyola. You do not need to have done this before, or you may have experience to share with others. You will be welcome.

On **Thursday 27 February at 7pm** in **The Community Room**, **Rowan Staines** will give the next of our Fund Raising talks on, ‘My journey of faith’. Please come to support her and enjoy a glass of wine (or other refreshment) with us.

**Hope in Today’s World**

We are holding a series of thought-provoking talks for Lent from St Mary’s, Great Shelford and The Faraday Institute. These will all take place in St Mary’s Church, Great Shelford at 7pm.

**Thursday March 13** - **Hope in Artificial Intelligence** by **Graham Budd**, the Executive Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

**Thursday March 20** - **Hope in Disaster by** Professor **Robert (Bob) White**, Emeritus Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion and former Professor of Geophysics at Cambridge University

**Thursday April 3 - Evolution, Suffering and Hope** by **Denis Alexander,** Emeritus Director of The Faraday Institute. He was previously Chairman of the Molecular Immunology Programme at The Babraham Institute.

**Thursday April 10 - Hope in Suffering** by **Rebecca Fitzgerald** who is Programme Leader at the MRC Cancer Unit, and Honorary Consultant in Gastroenterology and General Medicine at Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge.

Please come along to listen and to discuss the issues and maybe come away more hopeful.

**Cambridge Christian Aid Service   Sunday 18th May**. This year’s Cambridge Christian Aid ecumenical Service will now take place on **Sunday 18th May** at 2.30 pm. at **Great St. Mary’s Church in central Cambridge.** We are delighted that **Dr. Rowan Williams** will be preaching at this service.  Other members of the CA leadership team will be attending, so we hope for a really good congregation. Please put it in the diary now and come along if you can.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Electoral roll - Revision of the roll**

Just an early notification - We are in a year in which a **new Electoral roll** is to be prepared (every sixth year starting 2025). We will have new forms available very soon.

If you think that there is information that should be in this Newsletter, please send it to **Church Administrator** by **2pm on Tuesdays.** Ms Julie Hughes [administrator@stmarysgreatshelford.org](mailto:administrator@stmarysgreatshelford.org) Julie H can be contacted by phone on Monday 2pm - 5.30pm. Mobile 07731 615407.

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