



*St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.
St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.*



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 24th February 2019

8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion and Baptism
12.00pm Fellowship Lunch

There is a quiet traditional service of Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 8am

This Sunday is the **Second Sunday before Lent**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion and Baptism** we baptise Bonnie Web and welcome her into the family of the Church. There is **Junior Church** and **Teenage Church** and the choir and organ will be accompanying our worship. Our theme is the Lordship of Jesus over all creation.

Fell wship Lunch

Sunday 24th February at 12:00.

**Menu: Roast Pork and all the trimmings
followed by bread and butter pudding.**

Everybody welcome – don't eat lunch alone, come and share it with friends.
You are welcome to stay on after church and have an extra coffee!

Next Sunday is the **Sunday next before Lent**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** we invite you to pray together in small groups during the intercessions, for the Church, the world and your own concerns. (There is no pressure, and many people find this a very powerful way of supporting and feeling supported in prayer. Give it a go if you've never tried it!) We prepare for Lent by burning palm crosses to make ash for Ash Wednesday at the end of the service and then we enjoy miniature pancakes. There is also real bread at communion as we look at the extraordinary story of the Transfiguration..

At **11am** next week, there is **Parish Communion** at **Bygrave**.



At **12pm** next week, there will be **Messy Church**. Join us for a delicious lunch toad in the hole followed by Swiss roll and custard. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! There will be crafts, activities and games around the church including a short service. No Charge—donations welcome. The theme for the service is called 'dusty drawing' as it will help us think about Lent.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 153 Before the Gospel: Shalom my friend

As we come back from the font: 84

Offertory hymn: 54 Final hymn: 509

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymn before the Gospel

Shalom, my friend,
shalom, my friend, shalom, shalom.
The peace of Christ I give you today.
Shalom, shalom.

Gospel Luke 8: 22 - 25

²²One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting,

'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Ashling Galley Coulthard, Timothy Fathers, Lynne Edwards, Rosemary Charsley, Stephen Cooper, David Dodds, Rachael Evan-Hart, Eleanor Morrison, baby Elizabeth Lacey, Helen and Sandra Walden, Joy Smith, Maureen Roberts, Jean Elliston, Freda Wilkinson.

Those who have died recently:

Ken Knock, Nora Penfold, Stephen King, Marilyn Judge, Bidy Reed, Trevor Bunch

At the anniversary of their death:

Tina Nash, Ken King, Peter Lilley, William Palmer (priest), Frederick Arbury, Rose Morrison

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4

(read at Communion)

¹I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

‘Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.’

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.’

Choir Anthem: How can I keep from singing?

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine, since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul -
how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen**

Faith Confirmed: We are drawing together a new group of adults who would like to explore the Christian Faith. If you are interested, speak to Andrew.

HIDDEN HUMOUR

A colourful crash

A boat carrying red paint crashed into a boat carrying blue paint and the crew were marooned.

Upcoming Meetings:

Deanery Synod: Mon 25th Feb at 8pm at Baldock

Community Sponsorship meeting: Sun 3rd March at 5.00pm in the hall

PCC Mon 4th Mar at 7.45pm in the hall

After Hours: Sun 17th Mar at 7.00pm at 24 Park Crescent

Bygrave APCM: Wed 3rd April in church

Friends of St Mary's Committee: Mon 8th Apr at 5pm in the hall
followed by the **Friends AGM** at 6.30pm

Check out our new website

www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk

Tell us what you think, whether it is easy to use and what you would like to see on it. We will be expanding it over the coming months

Please return your planned giving letter responses as soon as possible. It really does make a difference to us to know what people are offering. It helps us to be able to plan so much more effectively. Thank you to everyone who gives so generously to enable us to follow where we believe God is leading us.

Palm Crosses: We need your palm crosses to make ash for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them to church by Saturday 2nd March.

Lent 2019 begins on 6 March: Could you spend a little more time with God rather than (or as well as!) giving up chocolate or alcohol? We shall be holding 4 Lent groups which follow a course: Mon, Tues & Weds evenings and Thursday mornings. There will also be 2 quiet hours on Saturdays with time to pray and reflect in different ways - with candles, pictures, books, writing. And we shall have a display of the Lord's Prayer and a choice of books you may like to buy.

Ash Wednesday: Don't forget to make a good start to Lent by coming to an Ash Wednesday service with the symbolism of having the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead. A sign of our earthly human need for God's divine grace to touch us. 9.30am at Baldock or 7.30pm at Bygrave on Wednesday 6th March.

Massed choirs Choral Evensong: Ashwell Group Choral Evensong on Sunday 17th March at **5.00pm**. Many of you came to the Choral Evensong we hosted in October when choirs from the 4 local benefices of churches came together. With over 40 singers it was a marvellous occasion. The next one is at Ashwell (date above). Make a date now. If you didn't get there last time, prioritise it this time – you won't regret it!

Friends of St Mary's Wine Tasting – Fri 12th July **(please note change of date!)** **in the church hall at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.**

As so many people said how much they enjoyed the conviviality of our festive dinner, and the wine tasting held last summer, we are planning a further wine tasting evening to follow up on the positive comments we have had.

We shall taste 8 different wines, with some nibbles. As before, Aileen Barry shall introduce the wines, including the grape varieties and how the wines are made - some you may know, some may be new, but all delicious.

We'll sit on round tables of 8, so come either on your own, or with a friend, or book a table for up to 8. Payment, £12 per person, can be made by bank transfer (sort code 30 94 30, account number 02312070), or by cheque or cash on the night, but please reserve your places by emailing Aileen at fosmbaldock@gmail.com or by a note to her at 11 Church Street SG7 5AE

Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 26th February at 3pm at the Rectory, 9 Pond Lane. This are rather special occasions where we have been blessed with seeing God's Holy Spirit at work in our midst. Do join us to discover more. If you would like to come but can't make a Tuesday afternoon, speak to Andrew.

Easter eggs: It may seem a long way ahead but please remember that Easter Eggs are a sign of resurrection and new life. If you are buying one, please get a 'Real Easter Egg' which celebrates the Christian story. They are fair trade, include a donation to charity and include the Christian story. Available from Tesco, the Christian Bookshop and lots of other places. Don't waste the opportunity!

What do you know about Slovenia? The women of Slovenia have prepared this year's ecumenical service for the Women's World Day of Prayer with particular reference to the concerns that affect them. Each year Christians in Baldock get together and use the service the women of a certain country have prepared - it's always lively, colourful and thought provoking. This year it's on Friday 1 March at 2pm at the Catholic church. Do come along or if you would like to be involved (small speaking parts, making food from that country to share) please talk to Katrina or Pam Winters 01462 892265 who is organising the service.

Hazel & Martin Frost's Newsletter: Copies of the latest newsletter are available at the back of church.

Leading intercessions: Would you like to lead the intercessions prayers in church but don't know where to begin? This is your opportunity. We are having an evening to help people discover how to do it and to gain in confidence. It is on Monday 11th March at 8.15pm at Bygrave. Speak to Andrew if you are interested.

New coffee mugs! You may have noticed we have ditched the "recyclable" coffee cups for more sustainable china mugs. Thank you to the Fellowship Lunch participants who suggested using the surplus donation money to purchase these. Of course it's still fine to bring your own reusable cup in, so we have fewer mugs to wash up!

The next edition of the new diocesan magazine, **Alban Life**, is available at the back of church. Pick yours up today!

Over the next few weeks you may see a PCC member approaching you waving a form. Please don't run away! **We want your views to help us develop a vision for St Mary's Church building.** What you say will help us decide priorities for restoration over the next few years. If we can show we have consulted, we stand a much better chance of attracting grant funding. Thank you very much in advance!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Luke 9: 28 – 43a

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

CHURCH OPEN: Sun to Fri 8.40 am to 3.30 pm

Coffee Bar and gift shop open Wed. 10 am to midday.

Sun 24 th	7.20am	Morning Prayer	2nd Sunday before Lent
	8.00am	Holy Communion (preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	9.30am	Parish Communion and Baptism of Bonnie Webb (with Junior Church and Teenage Church)	
	12.00pm	Fellowship lunch in church hall	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45pm	Faith for Teenagers in Church Hall	
Mon 25 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Schools return</i>
	4.30pm	Reception of Nora Penfold RIP into church	
	4.45pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod in church hall	
Tue 26 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer	
	11.00am	Funeral of Nora Penfold	
	3.00pm	Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness at the	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Rectory
Wed 27 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Patrick Forbes)	
	10.30am	Tiny Tots	
	12.00pm	Communion (Bishop Alan) and clergy chapter	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 28 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45pm	Choir Practice	
Fri 1 st	8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>David, Bishop of Menevia, patron of Wales, c601</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672</i>
Sat 2 nd			
Sun 3 rd	7.20am	Morning Prayer	Sunday next before Lent
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	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	11.00pm	Parish Communion at Bygrave	
	12.00pm	Messy Church	
	5.00pm	Community Sponsorship meeting in church hall	
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'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'