



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 10th March 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for all Ages

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

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. At our **9.30am**



Communion for All Ages we

continue with the theme of making a statement of intent at the beginning of Lent. The theme is the story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness and the young



people from Church and school will be helping to think about **the choices in life we are faced with**, the challenge to choose the most life-giving options and the reality that we often get it wrong! There will be another opportunity to commit yourself to a good Lent with the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead. The choir, organ and **Praise be Band** will accompany our worship.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent. At our

9.30am Parish Communion we start our worship with the **Ten**

Commandments and there is **Junior church**. The theme of our worship is the different paths which God calls us to follow in our lives as a Christian.

At **11am** next week, there is **Morning Worship** with **Junior Church** at **Bygrave**.

At **5pm** next week, there is **Choral Evensong** at **Ashwell**, sung by the **combined choirs** of the 15 parishes in our Deanery Group. Many of you

came to the Choral Evensong we hosted in October - with over 40 singers it was a marvellous occasion. If you didn't get there last time, prioritise it this time - you won't regret it!

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 190

Before the Gospel: 590

Offertory hymn: In Christ Alone (Praise Be)

Final hymn: 437

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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**

The New Testament

Romans 10:8b -13

⁸'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus

answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."
9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", 11 and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' 12 Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:

Osbourne Court, Astonia House, Elmwood Court, Heath Hall,
Pepper Court, The Orchard

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, Freda Wilkinson.

Those who have died recently:

Trevor Bunch, Jean Elliston,
Peter Hurford (former master of music at St. Albans Cathedral)

At the anniversary of their death:

Dilys Pollard, Anne Nickels, Lionel Hughes, Ken Gascoine, Louise Brackley,
Peggy Wilsher, Joyce Greatorex, Irene Newling, Walter Crossley, Ron Smith,
Dan Ellis, Ann Garside-Neville.

Prayer of intercession

Loving God,

'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Send your comfort

to those who wait in the wilderness for your healing waters.

Free the world from the hosts of evil,

the fear and doubt that causes wars and violence.

Inspire those who govern this nation

and all the kingdoms of the world,

Bring your healing balm to cure our souls.

sick of sin and bound to death.

And lead us to follow our friend Jesus to the cross

and to his victory over death.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silence is kept

You are invited to leave a prayer at the ash cross, receive the sign of the cross on your forehead in ash, and bring to Jesus those who need his healing love.

Lord have mercy (Praise be Band)

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim,
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom,
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy on me.

I have built an altar where I worship things of men,
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You,
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing,
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again. [Refrain]

I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end,
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night [Refrain]

Hymn In Christ alone (Praise be Band)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Choir Anthem Be with me Lord by Marty Haugen

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High, who abide in the shadow of our God.

Be with me Lord when I am in trouble, be with me Lord, I pray.

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for his angels stand close by your side. (refrain)

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love,
lifted high those who trust in his name. (refrain)

All who are thirsty (Praise be Band)

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow,
Be washed away,
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep (we sing):

Come, Lord Jesus, come x4

Repeat

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Community Sponsorship meeting: Sun 24th March at 5.00pm in the hall

CTiB Forum: Mon 25th March at 8p at URC

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

Lent 2019: 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. See the Lent leaflet available today.

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.

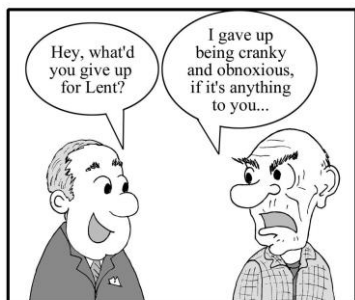
Easter eggs: It may seem a long way ahead but please remember that Easter Eggs are a sign of resurrection and new life. If you are buying one, please get a 'Real Easter Egg' which celebrates the Christian story. They are fair trade, include a donation to charity and include the Christian story. Available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

Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 26th March at 3pm at 28 Weston Way. This are powerful 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.

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. It's not too late to join, we are meeting on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm

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 interested.

HIDDEN HUMOUR



www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com

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

The more people who look at the website, the easier it is for others to find it. Have a look 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!

Electoral roll: The church electoral roll is being recompiled, as we have to do every six years. If you are on the roll and wish to remain so, you will need to reapply. Forms are at the back of the church and, when completed, should be posted in the secure box near the south porch door. In order to be eligible for inclusion on the roll, you must be baptised, over 16, and either live in the parish or have habitually attended worship at St. Mary's for the last 6 months. Only those on the roll can attend and vote at the annual meeting.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4.1, Luke 13: 31-end*

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 10 th	7.20am	Morning Prayer	1st Sunday of Lent
	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Communion for all Ages with ashing	
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer and Worship Planning Meeting	
	6.40pm	Faith for Teenagers in Church Hall	
Mon 11 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	11.00am	Funeral of Trevor Bunch RIP	
	4.45pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00pm	Monday Lent Group at 24 Park Crescent	
	8.15pm	Training for leading prayers at 19 Ashwell Road, Bygrave	
Tue 12 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30pm	Tuesday Lent Group at the Rectory	
Wed 13 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	<i>Ember Day</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.30am	Tiny Tots	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30pm	Wednesday Lent Group at 24 Wedon Way, Bygrave	
Thu 14 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Thursday Lent Group in Church Hall	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.30pm	Faith Confirmed at the Rectory	
	6.45pm	Choir Practice	
Fri 15 th	<i>Ember Day</i>		
Sat 16 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Ember Day</i>
	11.00am	Prayer Hour in church	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 17 th	7.20am	Morning Prayer	2nd Sunday of Lent
	8.00am	Holy Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	11.00am	Morning Service at Bygrave with Junior Church (Katrina Nice)	
	5.00pm	Group Choral Evensong at Ashwell	
	7.00pm	After Hours	

The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

Rev'd Canon Andrew Holford: 01462 896273

(Note: Friday day off) 2008luddite@gmail.com

Churchwardens: Phil Charsley (Premises): 01462 895665.

Emma Wilkinson (Safeguarding): 07836 749283

Alex Milne – Hall Hire: alexandra.milne@gmail.com / 01462 490062

