



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 21st April 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Easter Communion

11.00am Easter Communion at Bygrave

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

This Sunday is Easter Sunday. At our



9.30am Easter Communion

we welcome the new light of the resurrection of Jesus as we bring the **new Paschal candle** into



church. The light spreads as we **each light a candle** and **bless the Easter garden**. The choir, organ and music group accompany our worship and we end with **Easter Eggs**. Jesus is alive!

At **11am** there is **Easter Communion** and **Junior Church** at **Bygrave**

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter. At our

9.30am Parish Communion we receive the new holy oil stocks for baptism, confirmation and healing into church, there is **Junior Church** and **Teenage Church** and the **choir, organ and Praise be Band** accompany our worship. We hear the challenging story of doubting Thomas.

ANNUAL MEETING

At **11am** next week after the service we hold our **Annual Church Meeting in church**. Join us to **review the past year, appoint wardens and PCC members and think about the priorities for the next 12 months** with a special report from the Rector!. It'll be over by 12pm and is a really important meeting. Please stay if you possibly can.

At **6pm**, next week, there is our first **Youth Communion** in the **Trinity chapel**. A chance to connect God with the issues that loom large for young people. A chance to meet with other teenage Christians. A chance share a meal of bread and wine together (and then a meal of **pizza!**)



Today's worship

Opening hymn: 348

Before the Gospel: 419

Offertory hymn: 637

Final hymn: 672

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Coachmans Lane, Hadrians Way, Hopewell Road, Pepys Way, Letchworth Road,
Burleigh House

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Ashling Galley Coulthard,
Timothy Fathers, Lynne Edwards, Rosemary Charsley, Stephen Cooper,
David Dodds, Eleanor Morrison, baby Elizabeth Lacey, Helen Walden, Joy Smith,
Maureen Roberts, Freda Wilkinson, Olive Elves, Noel Sheldrick

At the anniversary of their death:

Bill Mintram, Alec Keep, Betty Wheatley, Dick Allison, Peter Grinbergs,
Edie Noon, John Dance, Richard Haerle, Peter West

Choir anthem: Christ the Lord is risen again!

By Alan Smith (b.1962)

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken ev'ry chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave
Is exalted now to save;
Through the universe it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

Upcoming Meetings:

Baldock APCM: Sunday April 28th at 11am

Youth Communion Service: Sunday April 28th at 6.45pm

House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness: Tuesday 30th
April at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane

FINAL CALL - 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.

Copies of **Hazel and Martin Frost's latest newsletter** are available at the back of Church.

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!

The Diocese of St Albans are looking for a new Director of Finance.

With a turnover of £16m and assets in excess of £160m the Diocesan Board of Finance seeks a finance professional who can bring hands-on experience, strategic vision and excellent IT skills. An understanding of the structures of the Church of England would be an advantage.

See www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies for more details

BRAVE

A local charity, BRAVE, are recruiting a new Christian Schools' worker (part time) to work in middle schools in Buntingford and Royston. If you are interested see the advert on the notice board or go to thebravetrust.org

Vinesong – Live in Concert on Saturday 27th April at St Martin's Church, Knebworth at 7.30pm. All welcome and no ticket needed.

Vinesong is an international, interdenominational team of Christian missionaries. The team shares the gospel through worship and the word, living and traveling together 11 months of every year. For more information, please contact knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com

Christian Aid collection

Christian Aid Week is May 12th – 19th. If you can help by delivering and collecting envelopes for a street or two in the parish, it will support this very worthy charity which not only alleviates disasters like the flooding in

Mozambique, but also tackles the causes of poverty worldwide in the first place and enables some of the most vulnerable people in the world to regain their independence and self-respect. We will be showing a video to highlight this during the service on May 5th. There will be a sheet at the back of church to sign soon, or email baldockbenefice@gmail.com



Friday 3rd May: Nigerian themed meal in aid of Christian Aid in the hall at 7.30pm: an authentic Nigerian cuisine, cooked by Vivian and Matty McNeil from our congregation. £10.00 per person to include a welcome drink of Prosecco. Booking is essential (tickets available from the Community Centre). The first of a new series of evenings: Cuisines from around the world.

Saturday 4th May: Light Lunches: The next Light Lunches will be on Saturday 4th May from 12 – 2pm in the coffee bar.

Sunday 5th May: Messy Church at 12pm until 2pm in church. Messy Church is about having fun with all the family! Join us for a delicious lunch of chicken pasta bake (vegetarian option available) followed by trifle. The theme is "pray, pray, pray!" and there will be craft, activities and games around the church including a short service. No charge - donations welcome.

Saturday 11th May at 10am - 12pm: The Big Brew in the hall in aid of Traidcraft: Bring your friends and come and enjoy tea, coffee and cake. All proceeds will go to Traidcraft as they celebrate their 40th Birthday! Contact Helen for further details on 07896 805009. If you would like to bake some cakes, this would be very welcome!

Music at St Mary's, Baldock

The next concert in the music series is detailed below. Come and join us and help us to raise funds for the next phase of the restoration. All tickets £10 each (children free) available from the church office (01462 892838), online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm or from the community centre.

The Mobb – Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm

Mike O'Neill, who taught piano and jazz at Knights Templar School for more than 20 years, leads his big band, 'The Mobb', an ensemble of local players, in a programme of swing and jazz. Pay bar and complimentary canapes.

Advance Notice!

Saturday 15th June: Concert by The Pembroke Singers and St Mary's Church choir

Saturday 13th July: Saxophone quartet playing popular family classics.

More details to follow soon but please put these dates in your diary!

Baldock Street Fair Weekend – Sat 18th May

There are lots of activities occurring during the Street Fair and we need lots of volunteers to make it all viable. Please have a look at the list below and let us know what you can do to help. We are very grateful for any support you can give.

Stall on High Street – wine donations needed!

The Friends of St Mary's will be holding a stall on the High Street which will include Water into Wine. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine, please give it to Alex Milne or leave it in the vestry (clearly marked please!). All donations gratefully received. Also if you are able to help man the stall for an hour, please let Alex know. Thank you. FOSM committee.

Refreshments

In addition, tea / coffee and cakes will be available from 10am – 4pm that day at the back of church. If you are able to spare an hour or two to man the refreshments stand, please sign the sheet at the back of church or let Emma or Alex know.

Cakes!

If you are able to bake cakes to be sold on the day, please bring them ideally on the day or if not, please drop them off on the Friday morning from 10am – 12noon (when the Foodbank is open) clearly marked with the ingredients. Very grateful for any donations.

Tower Trips

There will be tower trips taking place that day from 10am – 4pm. If you can help on the tower, please contact Paul MacArthur on stmarystowertrips@gmail.com

If the weather is fine, this raises a huge amount of money, but each shift requires four volunteers so it is imperative that we have enough support.

All help is very gratefully received and the proceeds will go towards the next phase of the restoration. Thank you for your support.

Our Bee & Butterfly Garden in this year's Baldock Festival

The Open Gardens afternoon run by Rotary on Sunday 19 May will include our Churchyard garden we have created to help pollinators find pesticide-free food!

Please speak to Katrina if you would like to get involved in caring for this part of God's creation- we need lots of help combatting the weeds and deadheading, but it is very rewarding when a huge variety of flowers bloom. Thank you! kmnice2013@gmail.com



Friends of St Mary's Wine Tasting – Fri 12th July 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.

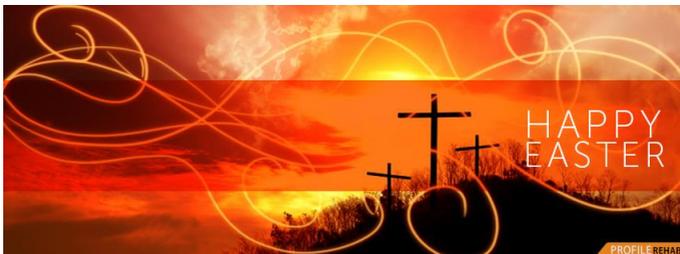
We shall taste 8 different wines, with some nibbles. As before, Aileen Barry shall introduce the wines, including the grape varieties and how the wines are made - some you may know, some may be new, but all delicious.

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

HIDDEN HUMOUR

Q: What happened to the Easter Egg when it heard a funny joke?

A: It cracked up.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-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 21 st	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Easter Day</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Easter Communion	
	11.00am	Easter Communion at Bygrave	
	1.30pm	Worship at Temple Court	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Mon 22 nd	<i>Monday of Easter Week</i>		
Tues 23 rd	<u>8.20 am</u>	Morning Prayer	<i>Tuesday of Easter Week</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.30 pm	Faith Confirmed at Rectory	
Wed 24 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Wednesday of Easter Week</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thurs 25 th	<u>7.30 am</u>	Morning Prayer	<i>Thursday of Easter Week</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Fri 26 th	<i>Friday of Easter Week</i>		
Sat 27 th	<i>Saturday of Easter Week</i>		
Sun 28 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	11.00 am	APCM in Church	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Youth Communion Service in Trinity Chapel	

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

Happy Easter! Helen and Andrew wish you a very happy and life-giving Easter!

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