



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Parish Communion**

**11.00am Annual Meeting in church**

**6.45pm Youth Communion**

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

**This 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 today 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 **6.45pm**, 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!**)



**Next Sunday** is the **Third Sunday of Easter**. At our

**9.30am Parish Communion** there is a video about the benefits which

**Christian Aid** brings to the communities it supports and we will be encouraging to sign up to collect for them in a street in Baldock. We have wonderful readings this week: Saul converted by hearing the voice of Jesus on the road to Damascus, and Peter, forgiven by Jesus whilst having breakfast on the beach after the resurrection.

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



At **12pm** next week, join us for **Messy Church**. Join us for a delicious lunch of chicken pasta bake (vegetarian option available) followed by trifle. 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. We will be looking at different ways of praying and the title is **Pray, pray, pray!**

---

## **Today's worship**

Opening hymn: 241

Before the Gospel: 532

Offertory hymn: The Lord's my shepherd (on sheet)

Final hymn: 534

*After the opening hymn we receive the new Holy Oils and place them in the Aumbrey*

## **The Collect**

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

## **The First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## **The Choir will sing between the readings:**

Word of God, burn within us, be a lamp unto our feet.  
Test our hearts and our spirits, true disciples let us be.

## **The Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **The Gospel: John 20: 19-end**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the

doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
North Road, Royston Road, Bygrave Road, Larkins Close, Salisbury Road

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,  
Freda Wilkinson, Olive Elves,.

Those who have died recently:

Noel Sheldrick, Maureen Roberts, John Elliott

At the anniversary of their death:

Frank Stokes, Jill Stuart, Ted Holehouse, Baby Agnes Matthews

## **Offertory Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd by Stuart Townend (Praise Be Band)**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights. [Refrain]

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know. [Refrain]

**Choir Anthem: Jesus, these eyes have never seen by  
Ray Palmer (1808-1887).** Please see hymn 365 in the orange hymnbook.

### **The wonder of your cross by Robin Mark (Praise Be)**

The wonder of your cross  
Shall be our meditation,  
To gather in that shadow  
As the sun went down;  
To weep with those who thought  
That You were leaving,  
You were leaving, Jesus,  
The humble King  
Who never wore an earthly crown.

To steal away at night  
When they took down Your body,  
With love and tears  
To leave You in a borrowed grave;  
To go with Mary to that place they laid You,  
Where they laid You, Jesus,  
And in the morning  
Find the stone was rolled away.

*The cross, oh, the wonderful cross;  
What glory, what victory I've found.  
I'll come to the wonderful cross  
And my whole life I lay down.*

Were heaven's praises silent  
In those hours of darkness?  
Your Holy Spirit  
Brooding round that empty throne?  
Until the declaration 'He is risen',  
You are risen, Jesus:  
'He is not dead,  
Behold He lives forever more.' [Refrain]

## Post Communion

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

---

Check out our new website

[www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk](http://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.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Baldock APCM:** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Youth Communion Service:** Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm

**House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
April at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane.

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.

### Christian Aid collection

Christian Aid Week is May 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sheet at the back of church to sign soon, or email

[baldockbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com)



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 Mobb – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. All tickets £10 each (children free) available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm) or from the Community Centre.

### **Stall on High Street on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May – 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.

### **HIDDEN HUMOUR**

To rile up his Christian friends, the atheist was always looking for scientific speculation that would throw doubt on God or the Bible. Scouring the Internet he discovered research from a student at an obscure university who hypothesized that due to weather and wind patterns, the Red Sea was less than a foot deep when Moses led the Hebrews across it.

"It wasn't even up to their knees," the atheist sneered.

One of the Christian friends exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"What miracle?" the atheist asked. "Anybody could have waded across it!"

The Christian grinned. "Simple. God drowned Pharaoh's entire army in less than a foot of water!"

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 9: 1-6, Revelation 5: 11-end, John 21: 1-19

# 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 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> 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	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Youth Communion Service in Trinity Chapel	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.00 pm	House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness at 6 Pinnocks Lane	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
5.00 pm	Evening Prayer		
6.00 pm	United Almshouses Charity Trustees' meeting in hall		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Nigerian Meal for Christian Aid in church hall	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>English saints &amp; martyrs of the Reformation Era</i>
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Andrew Amondson and Ellie Gatrill-Smith	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	11.00 am	Parish Communion at Bygrave	
	12.00 pm	Messy Church	
	3.00 pm	Baptism of Hunter Beedell	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
6.45 pm	Faith for Teenagers in church hall		

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

**Rev'd Canon Andrew Holford: 01462 896273**

**(Note: Friday day off) [2008luddite@gmail.com](mailto:2008luddite@gmail.com)**

**Churchwardens: Phil Charsley (Premises): 01462 895665.**

**Emma Wilkinson (Safeguarding): 07836 749283**

**Alex Milne – Hall Hire: [alexandra.milne@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.milne@gmail.com) / 01462 490062**

**Church email: [baldockbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com); Website: [www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk)**