



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 7th April 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

12.00pm Messy Church

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

This Sunday is Passion Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of

Lent. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** the mood changes and we start to see the stark outline of the cross looming in the distance. Once we have shared our bible readings we split into small groups each with some suggested questions to ponder what they might mean for our lives. We also pray for those who are to be confirmed on the following Tuesday.

If you are at the 9.30am service, please could you help by carrying some chairs from the high altar to the back of the church in preparation for Messy Church. Many thanks.

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

At **12pm**, there is **Messy Church**. Join us for a **delicious lunch** of jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings 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. We will be thinking about Jesus entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. At our **9.30am Parish**



Communion we start our worship in the **church hall** as we bless **palms** and follow Jesus as he enters

Jerusalem as we follow the cross into church. During the service we retell the **story of the Passion**, the last hours of Jesus' life, in words and pictures with the whole congregation joining in. We end with hot cross buns!

At **6pm**, next week, we enjoy our annual choral act of devotion, **BACH on Palm Sunday. Two cantatas and organ music appropriate to Holy Week.** This promises to be a wonderful evening and a tremendous start to the events of Holy Week. Don't miss it!

For full details of services and events during Holy Week, see **Holy Week at a glance**, available today.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 394 (v. 1,3,4,11)

Before the Gospel: 663

Offertory hymn: 572

Final hymn: 32

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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**

Psalm 126: Laughter and Song by David Mowbray

Laughter and song! The Lord has done great things:
his people once were freed from tyrant kings

Yet now we wait in sad captivity:
rise up, redeeming Lord, to set us free!

Tears turn to joy! The weeping farmer sows and,
slowly through the storms, the harvest grows.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

⁴ If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

After the Gospel you are invited to join one of the small groups, each with a leader, to think together about what God is saying to us through the bible readings.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
South Road, Laxton Gardens, Walnut Avenue, South Close, Convent Gardens,
South Lodge Mews

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 Walden, Joy Smith, Maureen Roberts, Freda Wilkinson, Olive Elves.

At the anniversary of their death:

John Swinburn, Gwen Hunter, Ivy Cesvette, Eva Stokes

**Choir Anthem: Drop, drop, slow tears by Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625). Arranged by David Blackwell (b.1961)**

Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace:

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

A sheet with full details of all events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day will hopefully be available today!

A reminder that the **Friends of St Mary's AGM** is on Mon 8th April at 6.30pm in the church hall – all welcome!

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:

Community Sponsorship meeting: Sun 14th April at 5.00pm in the hall

Worship resource meeting: Sun 7th April at 5.30pm in church

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

After Hours: Sun 14th Apr at 7.30pm at 24 Park Crescent

Lent 2019: Could you spend a little more time with God rather than (or as well as!) giving up chocolate or alcohol? We are holding 4 Lent groups which follow a course: Mon, Tues & Weds evenings and Thursday mornings (*still not too late to join in!*).

Come and pray through the Lord's Prayer during Lent in St Mary's Church!

Each week some verses will be decorated by a different church group, starting this Sunday with Junior Church, and the 6 prayer stations will be available every day of Lent, so why not come and try them out?

Easter eggs: 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 other places. Don't waste the opportunity!

Available today: **A handy monthly new series.** St Mary's social events, all on one page.

Debbie Lovelock, Emma Churchill and Matty McNeil are being confirmed on Tuesday 9th April at Westmill near Buntingford. Please pray for them in this important step in their Christian life and if you can, come and support them at their confirmation.



HIDDEN HUMOUR

Q: What does a rector who wears too much perfume say?

A: "Let us spray!"

Q: What do you call a cat that likes to put on perfume?

A: Glamourpuss.

(I thought they were quite funny!)

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.

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



Teenage Communion

We are starting a new communion service on a Sunday evening once a month. 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!) Speak to Emma or Andrew for more details. The first one is scheduled for Sunday April 28th, the week after Easter Day, in the evening. More details next week.



The Choir of St.Mary's Church, Baldock,
guest singers and the '**Baldock Baroque**' ensemble
present :

BACH

on Palm Sunday

Two cantatas and organ music appropriate to Holy Week,
all by J.S.Bach (1685 – 1750)

Cantata 182 'Himmelskönig, sei willkommen'
Cantata 131 'Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir'

at St.Mary's Church, Hitchin Street, Baldock
6.00 p.m. on Sunday 14th April, 2019

Director of Music : Antony Copsey
Organ : Michael Strange

Retiring Collection

Everyone welcome

We are starting a new series of evenings: **Cuisines from around the world!**

The first is on May 3rd with a Nigerian themed meal in aid of Christian Aid

More details soon (but make a date in your diary today!)

cooked by Vivian and Matty McNeil from our congregation.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Luke 19: 28 – 40; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 23: 1 - 49

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 7 th	7.20am	Morning Prayer	5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)
	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	11.00am	Parish Communion at Bygrave	
	12.00pm	Messy Church	
	3.00pm	Baptism of Charlie Raymen	
	5.30pm	Worship Planning Meeting and Evening Prayer	
	6.45pm	Faith for Teenagers	
Mon 8 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	2.00pm	Social & Fundraising Committee	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	5.00pm	Friends of St Mary's Committee in Church Hall	
	6.30pm	Friends of St Mary's AGM in Church Hall	
Tue 9 th	8.00pm	Monday Lent Group at 24 Park Crescent	
	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30pm	Confirmation at Westmill	
Wed 10 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.30am	Tiny Tots	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30pm	Bells practice	
Thu 11 th	7.30pm	Wednesday Lent Group at Mill Cottage, Manor Farm	
	8.40am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Thursday Lent Group in Church Hall	
	<u>5.30pm</u>	Evening Prayer	
	6.30pm	Faith Confirmed in Church Hall	
Sat 13 th	6.45pm	Choir Practice	
	9.30pm	Morning Prayer	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 14 th	7.20am	Morning Prayer	Palm Sunday
	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	(start in hall) Parish Communion and dramatized Passion	
	5.00pm	Community Sponsorship Team meeting in Church Hall	
	6.00pm	Bach on Palm Sunday	

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