



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 12th May 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for All Ages

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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

This Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. At

*Christ
is
Risen!*

our **9.30am Communion for All Ages**

the **choir, organ and Praise be Band**

accompany our worship. We expect a wonderful service with adults and children worshipping the risen Christ together. Do join us! It is also the beginning of Christian Aid Week and there will be special prayer diaries for the work of Christian Aid, available.



At **6pm**, there is **Choral Evensong**. Join us for beautiful, evocative worship at the end of the day.

Next Sunday is the **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. At

our **9.30am Parish Communion** there is **Junior Church**

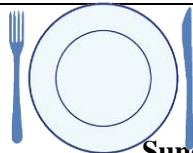
and **Teenage Church**. We join in small groups to discuss the

readings instead of a formal preached sermon. (The sermon preached at other service will be available at the back of the church).

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At **11am** next week, there is **Parish Communion** at **Bygrave**. We join in small groups to discuss the readings instead of a formal preached sermon. (The sermon preached at other service will be available at the back of the church).

Fellowship Lunch



Sunday 19th May at 12:00.

Menu: Roast ham with all the trimmings followed by fruit crumble
Everybody welcome – don't eat lunch alone, come and share it with friends.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 673

Before the Gospel: 371

Offertory hymn: Faithful One (Praise Be Band)

Final hymn: 851

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The New Testament Reading **Acts 9: 36-end**

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Gospel John 10: 22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

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

Arlwood Mews, Riddell Gardens, Simpson Court, Simpson Drive,
Thurnall Close, The Twitchell.

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, Olive Elves, Christine Muir.

Those who have died recently:

John Elliott, Noel Sheldrick, Norah Cuthbertson, Rosemary Eagle

At the anniversary of their death:

Keith Gates, Bunty Wilkins, Irene Miller, Ethel Grinbergs, Gladys King,
Lily Armishaw

Offertory hymn Faithful One (Praise Be Band)

Faithful one, so unchanging,
Ageless one, You're my rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on You;
I call out to You
Again and again.
I call out to You
Again and again.

*You are my rock in times of trouble;
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm, Your love is
The anchor, My hope is in You alone.*

Choir Anthem: I give you a new Commandment by Peter Aston (b.1938)

I give you a new commandment: love one another,
as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
If there is this love among you, then all will know, that you are my disciples.

Hymn: Not by might (Praise Be Band)

No not by might,
Nor even power,
But by Your Spirit O Lord
Healer of hearts,
Binder of wounds,
Lives that are lost, restore
Flow through this land,
'Til every man
Praises Your name,
Once more.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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. There is a sheet at the back of church to sign, or email baldockbenefice@gmail.com



Upcoming Meetings:

PCC Standing Committee: Monday 13th May at 8pm at the Rectory

Thursday Home Group: Thursday 16th May at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

Tuesday Home Group: Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Youth Service: Food for Life: Sunday May 26th at 6.45pm

Baldock PCC: Monday 3rd June at 7.45pm



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 28th May at 3pm at 83 Coachmans 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.

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 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 at 6.30pm: Concert by The Pembroke Singers and St Mary's Church choir. Key pieces include Vivaldi's Gloria. Ticket price to include a chilli supper afterwards.

Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm: Saxophone quartet playing popular family classics. Pay bar and complimentary canapes.

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

If you missed the **Rector's Annual Report**, it is available to read on the website or there are a few copies available at the back of church.

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 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



Pick up the new **Social Events** sheet – available today.

Don't forget to pick up your **Christian Aid 7 day devotional**. Available today and next week.

Help with Pentecost Banners:

We are planning to make **huge banners for Pentecost** to suspend in the nave in church. This will involve every child at the Junior and Infant school and hopefully every member of the congregation, both adult and child. **Can you help** when we make the banners at school? **Are you free Monday 20th May, 1.30pm – 3.15pm (for the Juniors) and/or Wednesday June 5th 1 – 3pm (for the Infants)?** Please let Alex or Andrew know if you are available.

Ascension Day is Thursday 30th May. We have a communion service with sparklers, sparkling wine and anointing in glitter at 8pm. Some of the teenagers are planning a visit to McDonalds beforehand. If you would like to come, speak to Emma or Andrew.

BBQ for Release International:

On Saturday 1st June at 6pm we are holding a **BBQ** for all the local churches in Baldock. It is in aid of **Release International** which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world. There will be a short presentation of the work of this charity at the BBQ. Tickets are **£10 each or £20 for a family**. Please support this if you possibly can as it is the first event for some time where so many local churches have joined together.

HIDDEN HUMOUR

Q: What do you call a religious sheep?

A: a baaaaptist.

Q: What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate?

A: A Candy Baa.

Q: What do you get if you cross an angry sheep and a moody cow?

A: An animal that's in a baaaaaaaad moooooood.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *Acts 11: 1-18, Revelation 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35*

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 12 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Communion for All Ages	
	4.00 pm	Community Sponsorship Team Meeting in church hall	
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	
Mon 13 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Communion at Magdalen Court	
	4.30 pm	Reception of body of Noel Sheldrick into church	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00 pm	PCC Standing Committee at Rectory	
Tues 14 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Noel Sheldrick RIP	
	<u>5.15 pm</u>	Evening Prayer	
Wed 15 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thurs 16 th	7.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Home Group at 20 The Gardens	
	7.30 pm	The Mobb concert in church	
Sat 18 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 19 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	11.00 am	Bygrave Parish Communion	
	12.00 pm	Fellowship Lunch	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

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