



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



"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"

Sunday 19th May 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave 12.00pm Fellowship Lunch

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

This 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).

At **11am** 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).

Fell **wship 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.

Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** we welcome the **Dean of Christ Church College Oxford, the Very Rev'd**



Canon Professor Martyn Percy who will be preaching. The choir, organ and music group will be accompanying our worship. Our Easter theme is

becoming more Kingdom of God focussed as we near the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



At **6.45pm** next week, there is **Food for Life**, our worship for teenagers linked with discussion and (this month) **Hot dogs!** This month it be shorter worship and more time for discussion (by popular request!)

Thursday next week (May 30th), is **Ascension Day**. We have a wonderful **Sung Communion** with **anointing in glitter, sparkling wine and sparklers**

at **8pm**. Do join us for the one of the most important and most undervalued celebrations in the Church of England. Discover why it is so vital to Christian thinking in the 21st Century. We plan to have a trip to **McDonalds** beforehand for young people who are coming to the service.



Today's worship

Opening hymn: 354

Before the Gospel: 35

Offertory hymn: 380

Final hymn: 398

The Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

The New Testament Reading **Acts 11: 1-18**

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3** saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' **4** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5** 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance

I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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 New Testament Reading Revelation 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Gospel John 13: 31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

Park Close, Park Gardens, Mansfield Road, Walkers Court, Payens Corner,
Elm Park

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Ashling Galley Coulthard,
Lynne Edwards, Rosemary Charsley, Stephen Cooper, David Dodds,
Eleanor Morrison, baby Elizabeth Lacey, Helen Walden, Joy Smith,
Olive Elves, Christine Muir, Julian Evanhart.

Those who have died recently:

Rosemary Eagle, Timothy Fathers

At the anniversary of their death:

Marion Hopgood, Paddy Kilbride, Joan Smith, Ted Winter

Choir Anthem: Christ the Lord is risen again! By Anthony Foster (b.1926)

Christ the Lord is ris'n again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing ever more on high,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n again!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n again!

He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say: [Refrain]

He who bore all pain and loss,
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry. [Refrain]

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay. [Refrain]

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

Community Sponsorship Team meeting: Sunday 2nd June at 4.30pm in the church hall

Baldock PCC: Monday 3rd June at 7.45pm

Deanery Synod: Tuesday 4th June at 8pm at Ashwell

15 Houses Trustees meeting: Thursday 6th June at 8pm at the Rectory



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 concerts in the music series are detailed below. Come and join us and help us to raise funds for the next phase of the restoration. All tickets £10 each in advance (children free) or £12 on the night, available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm or from the Community Centre.

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.

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

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.

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.

The Big Brew – thank you to everyone who helped to make the Big Brew Coffee Morning last Saturday such a success. We raised £120 to support the work of Traidcraft.

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

See how these Christians love one another!



Friends of St Mary's Wine Tasting – Fri 12th July
in the church hall at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

We shall taste 8 different wines, with some nibbles. 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *Psalm 67, Acts 16: 9-15, John 14:23-29*

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 19 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	5 th Sunday of Easter	
	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		
Mon 20 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	CAN YOU HELP?	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall		
	1.30 pm	Pentecost banner making at St Mary's Junior School –		
	6.45 pm	Faith Confirmed at Rectory		
Tues 21 st	8.40 am	Morning Prayer		
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer		
	7.30 pm	Tuesday Home Group at Rectory		
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Margaret Holford)		
Wed 22 nd	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long (Katrina Nice)		
	John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 & 1788			
Fri 24 th	The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735			
Sat 25 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer		
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer		
	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	6 th Sunday of Easter	
8.00 am	Holy Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)			
9.30 am	Parish Communion (preacher: Martyn Percy)			
3.30 pm	Wedding of Shawn Nudd and Ruth Foggo			
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer			
6.45 pm	Food for Life – Compline plus hotdogs			

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

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