



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



"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"

Sunday 26th May 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

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

This 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 Dr 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** 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 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.



Next Sunday is the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**.



At our **9.30am Parish Communion** the music group, choir and organ accompany our worship. This is a waiting time.

Waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom of God, heaven on earth.

Waiting for the coming of the Spirit. Join us and prepare and pray and rejoice in God's saving plan for a troubled world.

At **11am** next week, there is **Parish Communion** at **Bygrave**. We admit Isabella Abbassi to communion at this service



At **12pm** next week, there will be **Messy Church**. Join us for a delicious lunch of macaroni cheese with garlic bread and pudding. 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 what it means to be a disciple and how the Holy Spirit helps us.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 104

Before the Gospel: 159 (Music Group)

Offertory hymn: 648 (Music Group)

Final hymn: 485

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 67: May God be gracious

May God be gracious, may we see his face;
throughout the wide world may his power be known.
May all the nations trust his saving grace,
and come to worship, and come to worship him before his throne.

He holds our future safe within his hand;
he judges rightly and he guides our ways.
Earth yields its increase – God will bless our land:
may all his people, may all his people give him thanks and praise!

The New Testament Reading Acts 16: 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’
¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

The Gospel John 14: 23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Aldridge Court, Football Close, Jackson Street, Orchard Road,
Meeting House Lane.

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, Julian Evan Hart.

Those who have died recently:

Timothy Fathers, Alex Thomas, Norah Cuthbertson, Mary Mynott

At the anniversary of their death:

Rosa Arbury, Jim Dungey, Erling Hoeg, Mary Eastwick, Frank Lawton

Choir Anthem: If ye love me by Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever,
even the spirit of truth.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Bygrave PCC: Tuesday 11th June at 19 Ashwell Rd

Churches Together in Baldock Forum: Wednesday 12th June at 8pm

Thursday Home Group: Thursday 20th June at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

Tuesday Home Group: Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm 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.

Help with Pentecost Banners:

We are making **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 Wednesday June 5th 1 – 3pm (for the Infants)?** Please let Alex or Andrew know if you are available.

Baldock Festival Thanks:

Thank you to everyone who helped over the Baldock Festival weekend – either by manning the stall in the High Street, helping with tower trips, baking cakes, doing refreshments, decorating the church with beautiful flowers and, of course, by coming along to show your support and for making our church a welcoming place.

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

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.



Light Lunches: the next one is on Saturday 1st June from 12pm – 2pm in the church hall. Ploughmans style lunch, including a pudding, available at £5 per person.

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

HIDDEN HUMOUR

I've taken up speed reading. I can read "War and Peace" in twenty seconds. It's only three words but it's a start.

Christian Initiatives in schools

On Friday 13th September the local churches are joining forces to provide a concert raising money for Christian Initiatives in schools the charity that employs the local youth worker, Christopher Bakker, who works in local schools in Baldock, Letchworth and Stotfold. This looks to be a great evening and we are looking for musicians willing to put on one or two items. Can you sing, play and instrument, strum a guitar? We need you! Speak to Andrew if you would like to take part.

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

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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 16: 16-34, Revelation 22: 12-14, 16, 17, 20-end,
John 17: 20-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 26 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>
	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	
Mon 27 th	BANK HOLIDAY		<i>Rogation Day</i>
Tues 28 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Rogation Day</i>
	11.00 am	Funeral of Norah Cuthbertson RIP	
	3.00 pm	House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness at 83 Coachmans Lane	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Wed 29 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Rogation Day</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 30 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Ascension Day</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.30 pm	McDonalds trip	
	8.00 pm	Sung Communion, anointing, sparklers & sparkling wine	
Fri 31 st	<i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>		
Sat 1 st	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Justin, martyr, c.165</i>
	2.00 pm	Memorial Service for Rosemary Eagle RIP at Bygrave	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.00 pm	Joint churches BBQ for Release International at St Marys	
Sun 2 nd	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	11.00 am	Parish Communion & admission to communion of Isabella Abbassi at Bygrave (preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	12.00 pm	Messy Church	
	3.00 pm	Baptism of Ciaran Dray	
	4.30 pm	Community Sponsorship Team Meeting	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith for Teenagers in hall	

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.