



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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 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 having breakfast on the beach after the resurrection.



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

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



At **12pm** 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!**

## Next Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter.**



At 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**, next week, there is **Choral Evensong**.

Join us for beautiful, evocative worship at the end of the day.

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## Today's worship

Opening hymn: 9

Before the Gospel: 756

Offertory hymn: 338

Final hymn: 198

## The Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

## The New Testament Reading      **Acts 9: 1-20**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He

fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

## **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 5: 11-end**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## The Gospel      John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

Aleyn Way, Constantine Place, Merchants Walk, Wallington 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, Christine Muir.

Those who have died recently:

Maureen Roberts, John Elliott, Noel Sheldrick, Norah Cuthbertson

At the anniversary of their death:

Phyllis Hemmings, David Hartley, Ada Viner, Jean Ellis

## Choir Anthem: 'Lead me, Lord' by S.S.Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

## Post Communion

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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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.



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.

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday Home Group:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at the Rectory

**PCC Standing Committee:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at the Rectory

**Thursday Home Group:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

**Youth Service: Food for Life:** Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm

**House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

## 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)



**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.

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.

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

## **Baldock Street Fair Weekend – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

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

### HIDDEN HUMOUR

A man walks into a bar with a fried egg on his head. 'Why have you got a fried egg on your head?' asks the bartender. The man replies: 'Because a boiled one would have rolled off.'

Bacon and Eggs walk into a bar. The bartender takes one look at them and says: 'Sorry, we don't serve breakfast.'

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 9: 36-end, John 10: 22-30

# 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 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, Courtney and Oliver Beedell	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith for Teenagers in church hall	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday		
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Tuesday Home Group	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c1417</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Bell practice	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	<u>6.00 pm</u>	Evening Prayer	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am	The Big Brew in the church hall	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>4<sup>th</sup> 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	

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