



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 23rd June 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

12.00pm Fellowship Lunch

6.45pm Food for Life –

worship for teenagers

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

This Sunday is the **First Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** the choir and organ accompany our worship and there is **Junior Church**. We focus on the sometimes uncomfortable miracle of Jesus healing a demon possessed man and casting the demons into a herd of pigs. Come and wrestle with what it means!

Fell wship Lunch

Sunday 23rd June at 12:00.

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



At **6.45pm** there is **Food for Life – worship for Teenagers**. Join us in the Trinity chapel for communion and discussion, followed by food in the hall

Next Sunday is the **Second Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion and baptism** we baptise Nancy Staines and Danny Adams, one new life, just a few months old, and one new adult Christian life! The choir and organ accompany our worship and there is **Junior Church**. Come and celebrate the breadth of Christian fellowship.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 19

Before the Gospel: 298

Offertory hymn: 45

Final hymn: 144

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring

forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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 Galatians 3:23-end

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Gospel Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Eagle Court, Farriers Close, Lavender Court, Gates Court, Sauvignes Court,
Bowmans Green

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,
Olive Elves, Julian Evan Hart, Oliver Britton, Debbie Lovelock.

At the anniversary of their death:

Gladys Foster, Annie Webb, Olive Hill, Dennis Chamberlain

Choir Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (French carol, arr. Stephen Cleobury (b.1948))

Hymn 381 in the orange hymn book

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Most of you know that I (Andrew) am taking the second half of my sabbatical starting after the service on June 30th. I am very grateful for Elizabeth Bunker and Lindsey Dew who, between them, will be leading our worship on Sunday mornings for the next 7 weeks. Ian Friars, and my mother, Margaret Holford, will also be helping out on weekdays. As ever Katrina and Sharon will be caring for much of the pastoral issues in the parish.



Please contact Katrina or Sharon or one of the wardens for any pastoral matters. Alex Milne for anything administrative and one of the wardens, in Baldock or Bygrave, for anything else practical.

I am spending the first four weeks cycling through Ireland and France, following in the footpath of St Columbanus, another Celtic Saint who had the great good sense to travel through much of the Loire Valley where there are just one or two vineyards. I'll bore you all with pictures and stories when I get back! If you want to know how I'm getting on, Helen should be able to give you details of how to do this!

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Sponsorship Team meeting: Sunday 23rd June at 4.30pm in the church hall

Youth Service: Food for Life: Sunday June 23rd at 6.45pm

Monday Home Group: Monday 24th June at 8pm at 24 Park Crescent

Tuesday Home Group: Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Thursday Home Group: Thursday 18th July at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

After Hours – Sunday 21st July at 7pm at 24 Park Crescent

Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting: Monday 24th June at 5.15pm in the church hall

Newsletter: The latest newsletter from **Martin and Hazel Frost** is available at the back of church.

Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 25th June at the slightly later time of 3.30pm at 29 Weston Way. 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.



HIDDEN HUMOUR

A man unfortunately loses both of his ears in an accident at work. The surgeon tells him there are no human transplant ears available but they have one dog's ear and one pig's ear they can transplant if he wants. He isn't very happy about this but soon realizes it's better than nothing, so agrees to go ahead with the operation. A month later, he goes back to the hospital for a check up and the surgeon asks him how he is getting on with his new ears. The man says, "Well, the dog ear is fantastic - I can hear for miles and no-one ever talks behind my back any more." The surgeon asks, "Great! And what about the pig's ear?" The guy says, "Well to be honest, it's not so good. I seem to be getting a lot of crackling in it."



Refurbishment of chairs: We are planning to refurbish the padded chairs in the small hall. Is this something you could help with? Or do you have a contact who may be able to do the job? If so, please have a word with Joan Brasier.

Light Lunches: the next one is on Saturday 6th July from 12pm – 2pm in the church hall. Ploughmans style lunch, including a pudding, available at £5 per person.

Messy Church: the next Messy Church is on Sunday 7th July from 12 - 2pm. 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.



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

Tickets are available from the Community Centre.

Alban magazine: The latest edition of Alban magazine is available at the back of church. It looks rather good. Collect yours today!

Social Events Flyer: the latest version is now available and can be found at the back of church.

Music at St Mary's, Baldock

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9: 51-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 23 rd	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	
	12.00 pm	Fellowship Lunch in church hall	
	4.30 pm	Community Sponsorship team meeting in church hall	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Food for Thought – Worship for Teenagers	
Mon 24 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>
	1.00 pm	Communion at St Mary's Junior School	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
	5.15 pm	Friends of St Mary's Committee Meeting	
	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group at 24 Park Crescent	
Tues 25 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	<u>3.30 pm</u>	House Communion and Prayer for healing and wholeness at 29 Weston Way	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Tuesday Home Group at Rectory	
Wed 26 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Ember Day</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	<u>5.15 pm</u>	Evening Prayer	
Fri 28 th		<i>Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith c.200. Ember Day</i>	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Sat 29 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>
	12.00 pm	Wedding of Robert Riggall and Birgitte Sorensen	
Sun 30 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion and Baptism of Nancy Staines and Danny Adams	

Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.

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