



*St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.*

*St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.*



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**8.00am Holy Communion                    9.30am Parish Communion**

**11.00am Morning Service with Junior Church at Bygrave**

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

**This Sunday** is the **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**. Today we welcome back Rev'd Elizabeth Bunker to lead our services. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** there is **Junior Church** and **Teenage Church** and the choir and organ will be accompanying our worship. We will be looking at the story of Mary and Martha in our Gospel Reading.

At **11am** today, there is **Morning Service with Junior Church at Bygrave**.

**Next Sunday** is the **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**. Today Rev'd Elizabeth Bunker will be leading our worship. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** the choir will accompany our worship for the last time before the summer break. We will be looking at the story of the Lord appearing to Abraham in a reading from the book of Genesis.

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## **Today's worship**

Opening hymn: 314

Offertory hymn: 477

Before the Gospel: 211

Final hymn: 54

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Psalm 15: Lord, who may dwell within your house.**

**Words: Paul Wigmore, Music: John Barnard.**

Lord, who may dwell within your house and on your holy hill?  
All those who walk a blameless way, who love the right, who win the day  
with truthful words and come what may, will speak no word of ill.

All those who love their neighbour well, who hate the way of sin, who  
honour all that fear the Lord, whose promise is a binding cord, who help,  
and seek no rich reward – these, Lord, you welcome in.

## **The New Testament Reading      Colossians I: 15-28**

<sup>15</sup>Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to

every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.<sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.<sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.<sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## The Gospel      Luke 10: 38-end

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.<sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.<sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'<sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;<sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

Coachmans Lane, Hadrians Way, Hopewell Road, Pepys Way,  
Letchworth Road, Burleigh House

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, leanette 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, Connie Grimwade.

At the anniversary of their death:

Peter Parkyn

## **Choir Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring' from J.S.Bach's (1685-1750) Cantata No.147**

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom love most bright,  
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
with the fire of life impassioned.  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark what peaceful music rings  
Where the flock in Thee confiding  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,  
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasures.  
Thou dost even lead Thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

### **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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**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.

We are very grateful to Elizabeth Bunker and Lindsay Dew who, between them, will be leading our worship on Sunday mornings while Andrew is on the second part of his sabbatical. Ian Friars, and Andrew's mother, Margaret Holford, are also helping out on weekdays. As ever Katrina and Sharon will be caring for much of the pastoral issues in the parish, including hospital visiting and taking funerals which Katrina has now begun to do at a crematorium when a C of E minister is requested or at St Mary's church.

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.

A reminder of what Andrew said last week is below:

"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!"



**And here's a brief update (as of Wednesday evening!):** Andrew had reached the town of Savonniers as of today and enjoyed his lunch by the Loire! He's doing about 50 miles a day and is doing well.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**After Hours:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm at 24 Park Crescent

**Monday Home Group:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 8pm at 3 The School House

**Community Sponsorship Team meeting:** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the church hall

**Thursday Home Group:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am (location TBC)

**Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at 3.45pm

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

Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane. These 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.

**Ladies bike** – do you have a ladies bike which you would be willing to donate to our Syrian family?

### **Bike 'n Hike (or drive!) – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

The sponsored Bike 'n Hike is an annual fundraising event organised by the Beds and Herts Historic churches Trust. The aim is to raise money both for the Trust and for St Mary's Church. It is now also possible to drive between churches so there is no excuse not to take part!

Please let me know if you would like a sponsorship form and a list of participating churches (both of which can be found on their website: <http://www.b-n-h.co.uk/>)

For more details, contact Alex Milne: [baldockbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com)



Can't walk or cycle? **Can you help on the day by manning the signing in form / refreshment point?** Please let Alex know if you can help for an hour or so.

### **Foodbank newsletter:**

Copies of the latest Foodbank newsletter are now available. Please help yourself from the foodbank notice board at the back of the church.



**Christian Aid:** Thank you to everyone who helped collect money for Christian Aid. We raised £1317.68 from all the events in Baldock: Nigerian meal, donations, URC, collections, House to House in Baldock and Bygrave.

**Save the date please! Church cleaning morning –**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Can you help with our annual more extensive clean of the church and contents (such as polishing silver!) from 10am – 2pm, with a break for Light Lunches in the church hall.



There are lots of jobs to do, both big and small so please give whatever time you can (even half an hour would help!)

And outside.....If anyone would like to help in the Bee and Butterfly garden, deadheading flowers to encourage more flowers this summer and continue the valuable food for the pollinators, please talk to Katrina, and also if you would like seeds of poppy, phacelia (the purple flower the bees really loved), campion, ox-eye daisy and more to sow in your own garden or a verge near you! Our Churchyard garden is a visible commitment of St Mary's Church to the 5<sup>th</sup>

Mark of Mission of the Anglican Church :

**To Treasure** God's creation.

The other 4 are to **Tell** the Good News of Jesus Christ;

**Teach** disciples; **Tend** the sick and vulnerable and

**Transform** communities.



**Messy Church** takes a break in August but we will be back right at the beginning of September! Do join us at **12pm on 1 September** for a picnic lunch followed by crafts, activities and a short service. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! No Charge—donations welcome.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19), Luke 11: 1-13

## **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 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am      Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker, Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	9.30 am      Parish Communion (Elizabeth Bunker, Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	11.00 am      Morning Service with Junior Church at Bygrave (Sharon Cooper)
	1.30 pm      Temple Court (Katrina Nice)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Mary Magdalene</i>
	4.00 pm      Evening Prayer
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am      Morning Prayer
	9.30 am      Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)
	10.30 am      Tiny Tots Sing-a-long
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James the Apostle</i>
	6.45 pm      Choir practice
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am      Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)
	9.30 am      Parish Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

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