



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 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 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.

**Next Sunday** is the **Seventh Sunday after Trinity.**

Rev'd Elizabeth Bunker concludes her group of Sundays on which she has been leading our worship. At our **09:30 Parish Communion**, the organ and the Praise Be band will be accompanying us as the choir takes a well-earned summer break. We hear the parable of the man who kept buying more and more, thinking this was the most important thing to do in his life.....

A reminder that there is no Messy Church in August - see you on 1<sup>st</sup> September!

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### **Today's worship**

Opening hymn: 642

Before the Gospel: 491

Offertory hymn: 590

Final hymn: 379

## **The Collect**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Psalm 138: Give thanks with song.**

**For the psalm today, the choir will sing the words in italics, the congregation say the words in bold type and the priest says the words in plain text.**

*Great is the Holy One's glory.*

Holy One, with all my heart I thank you and sing to you before the divine assembly.

**I bow down to your holy temple.**

I praise your name because you are loving and faithful, and have magnified your name and your word.

**On the day I called, you answered and empowered my very soul.**

*Great is the Holy One's glory.*

All rulers of the world praise you, Holy One, for they have heard the words you speak.

**They sing of your ways,**

“Great is the Holy One's glory!”

**You are highly exalted, yet you watch over the poor and are aware of the proud from far away.**

*Great is the Holy One's glory.*

When I come upon scoundrels, you enliven me to face the enemies' fury, stretching out your hand, saving me with your right hand.

**You will avenge me! O Holy One, your faithful love is eternal; do not desert what your hands have made!**

*Great is the Holy One's glory.*

## The Old Testament Reading

## Genesis 18: 20-32

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre <sup>20</sup>and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' <sup>29</sup>Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' <sup>30</sup>Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' <sup>31</sup>Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' <sup>32</sup>Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

## The Gospel Luke 11: 1-13

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have

nothing to set before him.” <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Norton Road, Royston Road, Bygrave Road, Larkins Close, Salisbury Road

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau,  
Ashling Galley Coulthard, Lynne Edwards, Rosemary Charsley,  
Stephen Cooper, David Dodds, Eleanor Morrison, Helen Walden,  
Olive Elves, Julian Evan Hart, Oliver Britton, Debbie Lovelock,  
Connie Grimwade.

Those who have died:

Baby Elizabeth Lacey, John Bysouth

At the anniversary of their death:

Margaret Woods, Edith Holehouse, Ernest Stevenson,  
Ivy & Doug Pearson, Ernest Moules

## **Choir Anthem: Caribbean Our Father**

Hymn 544 in the orange hymn books.

## Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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.

### **And here's a brief update about Andrew's**

**sabbatical:** Andrew has successfully completed his pilgrimage following in the footpath of St Columbanus and as of Saturday evening, is back in Baldock (although still on sabbatical) spending the week reflecting on his travels before going away with his family.



### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**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

**Monday Home Group:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm, 24 Park Crescent

**Youth Communion Service:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6:45pm

**After Hours:** 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm 24 Park Crescent

**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.



### **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.



**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.



**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.

**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.

Did you know that the first food and drink consumed after landing on the moon 50 years ago was Holy Communion, when devout Christian Buzz Aldrin took consecrated bread and wine after asking the world to pause and contemplate the events of the past few hours and give thanks in his or her own way.



**Fell**  **wship Lunch**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 12:00.**

**Menu:** Roast Lamb and summer trimmings, followed by a variety of deserts  
**Everybody welcome – don't eat lunch alone, come and share it with friends.**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>                      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am    Holy Communion    (Elizabeth Bunker)  
9.30 am    Parish Communion    (Elizabeth Bunker)
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> *Mary Martha & Lazarus, companions of our Lord*  
There is no Silent Prayer today  
8:00 pm    Community Sponsorship Team Meeting  
                 Church Hall
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> *William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and  
Thomas Clarkson anti-slavery campaigners*  
4:30 pm    Evening Prayer
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 8.40 am    Morning Prayer  
9.30 am    Holy Communion (Ian Friars)  
10.30 am    Tiny Tots Sing-a-long
- Thu 1<sup>st</sup>    11.30 am    Funeral of John Bysouth RIP
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Sun 4<sup>th</sup>                      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am    Holy Communion    (Elizabeth Bunker)  
9.30 am    Parish Communion    (Elizabeth Bunker)

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened for you

Please email Emma Wilkinson with any additions to the pewsheet for the  
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12: 13-21