



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Parish Communion**

**12.00pm Fellowship Lunch in the church hall**

**This Sunday** is the **Eighth Sunday after Trinity.**

We welcome back Rev'd Canon Lindsay Dew to lead our worship today.

At our **09:30 Parish Communion**, the organ will be accompanying us and as the choir are on their summer break, we sing an extra hymn during Communion. Our Gospel reading today urges us to live our lives so we are ready to meet Jesus at any time.

# Fell wship Lunch

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

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

**Next Sunday** is the **Ninth Sunday after Trinity.** Andrew returns from 7 weeks away to lead worship once again! At our **09:30 Parish Communion** the organ is accompanying us and again we sing an extra hymn at Communion. Katrina is preaching - on the rather challenging Gospel reading of facing division.... Do you just brush it aside or does Jesus stir you into thinking more deeply about the Kingdom of God?

## Today's worship

Opening hymn: 58 (vv. 1-4, 8)

Offertory hymn: 340

Final hymn: 352

Before the Gospel: 374

During Communion: 344

## The Collect

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **The Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Ashwell Road, Wedon Way, Church 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, Helen Walden,  
Olive Elves, Julian Evan Hart, Oliver Britton, Debbie Lovelock.

### Those who have died:

Eve Haerle, John Duncan, Anthony Hart, Susan Stokes

### At the anniversary of their death:

Yvette Murrell, Vera Dear, Anne Taylor, David Manning, Molly Cooper

## **Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard  
your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your

love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

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We are very grateful to Elizabeth Bunker and Lindsay Dew who, between them, have been leading our worship on Sunday mornings while Andrew has been on the second part of his sabbatical. Ian Friars, and Andrew's mother, Margaret Holford, have also been 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 CE 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.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Thursday Home Group:** Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Aug at 10.30am in the church hall

**Community Sponsorship:** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept at 4:30pm

**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:** Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at 6.45pm

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

### **Job advertisement: Administrative Secretary (St Albans Diocese)**

Applications are invited for this busy and varied post supporting parishes, professional advisers and committees in the care, maintenance and development of church buildings across Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Luton and Barnet. Good computer skills essential and an understanding of the Church of England an advantage. Salary £24,916 - £28,307 plus generous pension Further details are available at:

[www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies)

Closing date: 21 August 2019 – 12 noon

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Jeremiah 23: 23-29, Luke 12: 49-56



Charlotte Joyce, one of our young people, and 5 other teenagers and their coach, will be taking part in the Jersey round island challenge on the 31st August 2019. They all swim for Flitwick Dolphins swim club. The training for this involves open water training weekly and visits down to Dover to complete training in the sea. It is a route of 45 miles in total, and could take up to 12 hours or more to complete - they will be taking it in turns to swim. They have chosen the charities they would like to support and

raise important funds for: young minds which is a mental health charity, The RNLI, Solving Kids Cancer and supporting the Grace Crocker Family Support Foundation, If you would like to support Charlotte and her team mates then donations can be made using the link below:

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/FlitwickDolphins\\_JerseyRelay](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/FlitwickDolphins_JerseyRelay)

### **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!)



### **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.





## **CAN YOU HELP LONELY AND SOCIALLY ISOLATED PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**All you need is an hour a week to make a difference**

Compassionate Neighbours are trained volunteers who are matched with a community member based on their interests and hobbies, offering regular visits, companionship, emotional support and a listening ear, helping them to do things they like doing and stay connected to the community as well as family and friends.

### **URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!**

**We need to reach more lonely and socially isolated people in the community, and we can't do that without your help.**

**To find out more about how you can get involved, please contact the Garden House Hospice Care Compassionate Neighbours team on [cn@ghhospicecare.org.uk](mailto:cn@ghhospicecare.org.uk) or call 01462 679540.**



***Musical Evening***  
***Baldock Methodist***  
***Church***

***Whitehorse Street***

***SG7 6QB***

***7pm***

***13<sup>th</sup> September 2019***

**Supported by local churches**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**With a retiring collection for the  
Christian Initiative to Schools.**



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am Holy Communion (Lindsay Dew)  
9.30 am Parish Communion (Lindsay Dew)  
12.00 Fellowship Lunch in the church hall
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> *Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667*  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 8.40 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Tiny Tots Sing-a-long
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> *The Blessed Virgin Mary*  
10.30am Thursday Home Group in Church Hall (Katrina Nice)
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm Funeral of John Duncan RIP
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
8.00 am Holy Communion (Andrew Holford, preacher  
Katrina Nice)  
9.30 am Parish Communion (Andrew Holford, preacher  
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Our next **Messy Church** will be held on 1 September at **12pm**. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! This month we will be meeting outside for a picnic and thinking about the story of Gideon and what it teaches us about having self-confidence - a good theme as the children prepare to return to school. Everyone is welcome to join us.