



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 18th August 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 **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?

Next Sunday is the **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our 09:30 service the Music Group and Organ accompany our singing. In our Gospel reading Jesus again calls people hypocrites, this time for complaining he is healing on the Sabbath!

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 372

Before the Gospel: 582

Offertory hymn: 225

During Communion: 540

Final hymn: 409

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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: Jeremiah 23: 23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Gospel: Luke 12: 49-56

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive

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:

Anthony Hart, Susan Stokes

At the anniversary of their death:

Terry Wiltshire, Jean Skinner, Margaret Butts.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday Home Group: Thu 15th Aug at 10.30am in the church hall

Community Sponsorship: Sun 1st Sept at 4:30pm

Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting: Mon 8th Sept at 3.45pm

Monday Home Group: Mon 8th Sept at 8pm, 24 Park Crescent

Youth Communion Service: Sun 22nd Sept at 6.45pm

After Hours: Sun 29th Sept at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

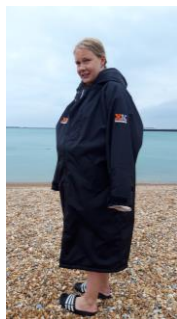
Job advertisement: Administrative Secretary (St Albans Diocese)

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

Closing date: 21 August 2019 – 12 noon

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 58: 9b-end, Luke 13:10-17



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

Save the date please! Church cleaning morning – Saturday 7th September.

Can you help with our annual more extensive clean of the church and contents (such as polishing silver, cleaning gutters on the hall and cleaning the Kelsey grave which is subject to a grave trust which pays us £1 per year!) 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 14th 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

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.



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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 or call 01462 679540.



Musical Evening
Baldock Methodist
Church

Whitehorse Street

SG7 6QB

7pm

13th 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 18th *9th Sunday after Trinity*
7.20 am Morning prayer
8.00 am Holy Communion (Andrew Holford, preacher
Katrina Nice)
9.30 am Parish Communion (Andrew Holford, preacher
Katrina Nice)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer
- Mon 19th No Silent Prayer
8.40 am Morning Prayer
- Tues 20th 8.40 am Morning Prayer
3.00 pm House Communion and Prayer for Wholeness and
Healing at 6 Pinnocks Lane
- Wed 21st 8.40 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Tiny Tots Sing-a-long
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Fri 23rd 8.40 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- Sat 24th 9.30 am Morning Prayer
2.00 pm Wedding of Alex Chadwick and Jess Plum
- Sun 25th *10th Sunday after Trinity*
7.20 am Morning Prayer
8.00 am Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)
9.30 am Parish Communion (Andrew Holford),
2.30 pm Baptism at Bygrave
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

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