



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 25th 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 **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9:30 Parish Communion** 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! Should we worry about shopping on Sunday? Would God approve of you missing Church to visit an aged aunt? Do you wrestle with questions like these or do you have fixed views? Come and join us for some food for thought!

Next Sunday is the **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9:30 Parish Communion** we gratefully welcome back the choir into the chancel as they lead our praise and worship in singing. We have real bread for communion to accompany the Gospel reading about the parable of the wedding banquet.

At **11am** next week there is **Parish Communion** at **Bygrave**



At **12pm** next week, there will be **Messy Church**.

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. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! No Charge—donations welcome.

At 6.30pm next Sunday Andrew is preaching at Evensong at St Albans Abbey.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 375 Before the Gospel: 376 (Music Group)

Offertory hymn: 272 (Music Group) During Communion: 82

Final hymn: 565

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58: 9b-end

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Gospel Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her,

immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Whitehorse Street, Sun Street, Bell Row, Hitchin Street, Butterfield Court

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.

At the anniversary of their death:

Angela Hunter, Norah Butler, Anne Lewis, Minnie Charter, Cyril Keech,
Kenneth Martin (priest)

During communion we sing hymn 82, Bread of heaven on thee we feed. Please join in when the organ strikes up.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Sponsorship: Sun 1st Sept at 4:00pm

Baldock PCC Standing Committee: Mon Sept 2nd at 8pm

Messy Church meeting: Thu 5th Sept at 8pm at 20 The Gardens

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

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

Tuesday home Group: Tues 17th Sept at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Thursday Home Group: Thu 19th Sept at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

Youth Communion Service: Sun 22nd Sept at 6.45pm

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



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!)



Many thanks to all of you for your warm welcome to me after my sabbatical break. Particular thanks to those who did so much to keep the ship afloat whilst I was away. You are a very strong team! I had a really good, if rather hot, bike ride through Ireland and France which all went smoothly and had a few surprises I wasn't expecting! If you want to know more, see some pictures and hear a bit about St Columbanus, the saint I was following and what I believe is his relevance for today then come along to ...



... **A Guinness and Chablis evening (alternative drinks also available) on Sunday 8th September at 7.15pm, following choral evensong.**



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.



Hidden Humour

A vicar got someone to lead his Sunday services saying he was ill and went golfing instead. The Archangel Gabriel saw him, and summoned God. "God!" said Gabriel, "We have a vicar golfing on Sunday when he should be in church. Strike him down with a lightning bolt." God said, "I've got better plans for him." Just then, the Vicar took a swing at the ball, and it drove 420 yards, bounced and rolled up onto the green and fell directly into the cup, a hole-in-one. The Vicar was ecstatic, whooping it up. Gabriel says to God, "What's going on? I thought you were going to punish him?" God says, "Who's he going to tell?"

Church diaries for 2020 are available at the back of church. If you would like one you are invited to make a donation.

Ecclesiastical Insurance are donating **£130** to the parish church of anyone who transfers their home insurance to them. St Mary's received £130 from them last year because of this. If you are interested in a quote from them, see the poster in the porch. If you want a testimonial about them, see the Rector!

Would you like to have some training on leading prayers in church? (A god thing to do whether you have been leading intercessions for years or are wondering whether to dip your toe in the water.) If so, there is a

Buntingford Deanery Intercessions Workshop led by

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Tim Bull on **Saturday 12th October**

8.30am – 12 noon at Barkway Village Hall. Breakfast & coffee/tea provided – ALL WELCOME!

Book your place by emailing the Rev'd Heidi Huntley (hahlive@gmail.com)

Advance Notice



Harvest Festival this year in Baldock will be on **Sunday 6th October**. The service will start at

the later time of **10.30am**. We will be inviting the whole Church community to join us from Tiny tots and

Messy church to the congregation at Magdalene Court. We will start all together in church, for 10 minutes then you can choose either all age activities in the hall or a more traditional communion service in church.

Everyone comes together again for a blessing at communion. **Harvest lunch will follow at roughly 11.45am**. More details soon.

New Lectionary: If you would like to order a new lectionary which gives details of all the readings at communion and morning and evening prayer for the new church year starting in Advent 2019, please let Alex know in the next couple of weeks.

Hazel and Martin Frost's latest newsletter is available at the back of church.

Danny Adams and Rosie Hartley are being confirmed at Barley on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm. Please pray for them in this important step on their faith journey and, if you can, join them on the evening.

We will be starting our next **Faith Confirmed Groups for adults and teenagers** in the next few weeks. If you would like to find out more about faith and ask those questions you have never dared ask, or if you would just like a refresher, speak to Andrew.



Musical Evening
Baldock Methodist
Church

Whitehorse Street

SG7 6QB

7pm

13th September 2019

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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 25 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (Andrew Holford)	
	2.00 pm	Baptism of Max Packman	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Mon 26 th	<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>		
	11.30 am	Wedding Blessing of Sophie and Scott Knight	
Tues 27 th	<i>Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387</i>		
Wed 28 th	<i>Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430</i>		
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 29 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Fri 30 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688</i>
	12.00 pm	Wedding of Jackie Sorrell and Phil Hills at Bygrave	
Sat 31 st	<i>Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651</i>		
Sun 1 st	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	(Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	(Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	11.00 am	Parish Communion at Bygrave	(Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	12.00 pm	Messy Church	
	4.00 pm	Community Sponsorship meeting in church hall	
	6.30 pm	Evensong at St Albans Abbey	(Preacher: Andrew Holford)

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