



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 15th September 2019

8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion & Baptism

11.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church at Bygrave

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

This Sunday is the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9:30 Parish Communion and baptism** we baptize Isabelle Janes and Emily Foggo and we admit Emily to communion. The choir, organ and Praise be Band accompany our worship and there is **Junior Church**. We have the parable of the lost sheep.

At **11am** there is **Parish Communion** and **Junior Church** at **Bygrave**,

At **1.30pm** there will be worship at Temple Court.

Next Sunday is the **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9:30 Parish Communion** the choir, organ and Music Group accompany our worship and there is **Junior Church**. We hear the curious parable of Jesus about the unjust steward. How can you maintain Christian principles in a cut throat and grasping world where so many decisions we make are already compromised?



At **6.45pm** next week we hold **Food 4 Life** -

worship for Teenagers in the Trinity Chapel. A short act of worship and plenty of time for discussion followed by food in the church hall.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 21

Before the Gospel: 29

Coming back from the font: The power of your love (Praise Be Band)

Offertory hymn: In Christ alone (Praise Be Band)

During Communion: How great is our God (Praise Be Band)

Final hymn: The Lord's my shepherd

The Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 32: 7-14

⁷At the top of Mount Sinai, the LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Hymn as we come back from the font: The power of your love (see separate sheet)

After the welcome of those newly baptized

To those being admitted to communion

Emily, you love God, you follow Jesus, and you live the Christian life. Do you wish to receive Holy Communion? **Yes**

As Emily receives today the sacraments of the body and blood of Christ, let us pray that we may all know and reflect the love of Christ.

God of life,
you invite us to eat at your table;
may we know your love
as we share your heavenly food,
and shine with your light
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Ashtons Lane, Weston Way, William Road, The Close, The Spinney, The Dell

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,
Brian Hamilton

Those who have died recently:

Alan Evens, David Tucker

At the anniversary of their death:

John Flack, Leonard Dashwood, Beryl Dungey, Gladys Smith

Offertory hymn: In Christ alone (see separate sheet)

**Choir anthem: Sheep may safely graze by J.S. Bach
(1685-1750) from Cantata 208. Arr. Alan Bullard.**

Sheep may safely graze in meadows
Under their shepherd's watchful eye.
So may we, through God's love for us,
Dwell in concord, ever blessed,
In our Maker's care from high.
With the bread of life you feed us,
Shelter, guide and gently lead us
To a life of perfect peace.

Communion song: How great is our God (see separate sheet)

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final hymn: The Lord's my shepherd (see separate sheet)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: *Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13*

Upcoming Meetings:

Baldock PCC: Mon 16th Sept at 7.45pm

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

Food for life – worship and discussion for teenagers: Sun 22nd Sept at 6.45pm (Compline)

Bygrave PCC: Mon 23rd Sept at 7.30pm at 72 Ashwell Rd

Community Sponsorship: Sun 29th Sept at 4pm

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

Monday Home Group: Mon 7th Oct at 8pm, 24 Park Crescent

Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting: Mon 11th Nov at 3.45pm

The next **Food for Life-worship for Teenagers** will be on **Sunday September 22nd, at 6.45pm** in church. It will include discussion on a bible passage, a short act or worship and food!



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 24th September at 3pm at 83 Coachmans 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.



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**. There is a list at the back of church which we would be grateful if you could sign to give us some idea of numbers. Please let Emma know if you would like to help by making a salad or a pudding.

Leading Prayers: Would you like to have some training on leading prayers in church? (A good 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)

Hidden Humour

Q: What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate?

A: A Candy Baa.

Q: What do you get if you cross an angry sheep and a moody cow?

A: An animal that's in a baaaaaaaad moooooood.

Q: What do you call a sheep with a machine gun?

A: A b-aa-aa-aa-d situation.

Q: How many sheep does it take to knit a sweater?

A: Don't be silly - sheep can't knit!

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.

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 ASAP.

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!

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

Missions: Over this year the money given by the PCC and raised by Light Lunches has gone to help the following: Homestart North Herts, CWR, USPG, Church Army, St Mary's Infant School, Messy Church (part of the Bible Reading Fellowship) and Christian Aid's Syria Crisis Appeal. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Harvest Festival donations: In addition to the usual harvest donations, the foodbank would be very grateful to receive tinned fruit, meat, fish, vegetables, sponge pudding, rice pudding and custard, Long life Juice and milk (UHT).

Church cleaning thanks: "Thank you to everyone who came to our cleaning morning last Saturday. There was a great turn out and we achieved a great deal. Thanks also to Sylvia and her team for our lunch. It was greatly appreciated. If you enjoyed your lunch and don't usually come, put the date of the next Light Lunch - Saturday 5th October - in your diary and come and enjoy it again. The team would love to see you there. There will be another cleaning morning in the spring. Emma and Phil.

Christmas Tree Festival – Sat 7th & Sun 8th Dec

I know it seems far too early to start thinking about Christmas but it is only 10 weeks until the Christmas Tree Festival! Entry forms will be available soon and we will also be asking for your help during the weekend – stewarding, helping in the coffee bar, manning the tower etc. Please put the date in your diary now and please help us to make it a successful weekend by giving an hour or two of your time during the weekend. We need your help to make it work! Thank you.



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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 15 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion & Baptism of Emily Foggo and Isobelle Janes (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	11.00 am	Bygrave Parish Communion and Junior Church (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	1.30 pm	Worship at Temple Court	
	3.00 pm	Baptism of Angel Jeffrey and Isabella Farmer	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Mon 16 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.45 pm	PCC in Church Hall	
Tues 17 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179</i>
	4.00 pm	Bereavement visitors' meeting at Rectory	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Tuesday Home Group meets at Rectory	
Wed 18 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.00 pm	United Almshouses Committee in Church Hall	
	7.00 pm	Churches Together in Baldock forum at Catholic Church	
	8.00 pm	Deanery Synod at Barley	
Thu 19 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Funeral of David Tucker RIP in Church	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Fri 20 th	<i>John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs, 1871</i>		
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sat 21 st	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>		
Sun 22 nd	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Food 4 Life - Compline	

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