



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Parish Communion**

**11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave**

**12.00pm Messy Church**

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

**This 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.

If you are at the 9.30am service before Messy Church, please could you help by carrying some chairs and tables from the hall to the churchyard in preparation for lunch. Many thanks.

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



At **12pm** 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 Andrew is preaching at Evensong at St Albans Abbey.

**Next Sunday** is our Patronal Festival, **St Mary's Day**. At our **9:30 Communion for All Ages** we have the exciting story of the runaway slave and what happens when he becomes a Christian. We

celebrate our own faith as members of the body of Christ at St Mary's Church and think about the difference it makes to us. Expect interactive drama, unusual prayers and a great time to rejoice in our Christian community

At **6pm** next week there is **Choral Evensong**

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## Today's worship

Opening hymn: 573

Before the Gospel: 195

Offertory hymn: 196

Final hymn: 448

## The Collect

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## Those who fear the Lord (Psalm 112)

*Those who fear the Lord are lights in the darkness;  
Those who fear the Lord are light for the world.*

They are lights in the darkness for thee upright; lights in the darkness.  
They are generous, merciful and just. Light for the world.

Good people take pity and lend, they conduct their affairs with honour.

The just will never waiver. They will be remembered forever.

They have no fear of evil news; with firm hearts they trust in the Lord.

With steadfast hearts they will not fear; openhanded, they give to the poor.

Their justice stands firm forever. Their heads will be raised in glory.

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## **The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16;**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

<sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## **The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

<sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Downlands, Mercia Road, Weavers Way, Westell Close

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

At the anniversary of their death:

Anne West, Brendan Commons, Edith King, Phillipa Herring, Ray Wilsher,  
Barrie Lunnon, Joan Camp, Ernest Bunch

## **Choir Anthem: Made to be one. Music by John Barnard.**

Made in God's image; woman and man, here is the wholeness: God's human plan. Brother and sister, daughter and son, here is a family made to be one.

Dappled creation, diverse its ways. Colours and cultures offer their praise. Gathered together under the sun, here is a family made to be one.

We need each other, old folk and young, sharing together life from the Son. This is the meaning, prize to be won, here is a family made to be one.

Don't let divisions get in the way, listen to others, hear what they say. Caring and serving, that's how it's done, here is a family made to be one.

Praise to the Father and to the Son, Praise to the Spirit – our God is one. Here is our vision, new world begun, here is a family made to be one.

## **Post Communion**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Community Sponsorship:** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Sept at 4:00pm

**Baldock PCC Standing Committee:** Mon Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm

**Messy Church meeting:** Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm at 20 The Gardens

**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

**Baldock PCC:** Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.45pm

**Tuesday home Group:** Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm at the Rectory

**Thursday Home Group:** Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

**Food for life – worship and discussion for teenagers:** Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at 6.45pm (Compline)

**Bygrave PCC:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7.30pm at 72 Ashwell Rd

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

## 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, 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 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm,  
following choral evensong.**



**Danny Adams and Rosie Hartley are being confirmed at Barley** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

Can't walk or cycle? **Can you help on the day by manning the signing in form / refreshment point?**

Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help for an hour or so.



**Can you sponsor the Milnes?** Three generations of the Milne family are taking part in the Bike 'n Hike – would you like to sponsor them? There is a form at the back of church. Any sponsorship would be gratefully received!



**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.

**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!

**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](mailto:hahlive@gmail.com))

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33
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### Hidden Humour

Delivering a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in a large city, a visiting minister told several anecdotes he expected to repeat at meetings the next day. Because he wanted to use the jokes again, he requested the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn in to their newspapers. A reporter, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

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

**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.

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.

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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 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>11<sup>th</sup> 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)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	08.00 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Communion at Magdalene Court	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00 pm	PCC Standing Committee	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Gregory the Great, bishop, 604</i>
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00 pm	Social & Fundraising Meeting at Rectory	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	6.15 pm	Evening Prayer	
	8.00 pm	Messy Church meeting at 20 The Gardens	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00 am – 2.00pm	Church cleaning	
	12.00 pm	Light Lunches	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Patronal Festival</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Communion for all Ages	
	3.00 pm	Rehearsal for Confirmation at Barley	
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	
	7.15 pm	Guinness and Chablis evening – following St Columbarus by bike.	

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.