



St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.

St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 8th September 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for All Ages

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

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

This 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** there is **Choral Evensong**. Join us for beautiful, evocative worship at the end of the day.

Next Sunday is the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9:30 Parish Communion and baptism** we baptize Isobelle 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** next week, there is **Parish Communion and Junior Church at Bygrave**

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

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

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 631

Before the Gospel: 298

Offertory hymn: 636

Final hymn: 605

The Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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 Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,² To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the

Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Gospel Luke 14: 25 – 33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Hillside Park, Limekiln Lane, The Copse, Penfold Close, Providence Way

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

At the anniversary of their death:

Gladys Butcher, Dick Knightley, Mavis Bottomley, Joseph Carroll,
Kitty King, Bert Harvey.

Choir Anthem: 'Magnificat from the Evening Service in C' by Frank Henry Shera (1882-1956)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things.
And the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Post Communion

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 32: 7-14, Luke 15: 1-10

Upcoming Meetings:

Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting: Mon 9th Sept at 3.45pm

Monday Home Group: Mon 9th Sept at 8pm, 24 Park Crescent

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

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.**



Musical Evening
at Baldock Methodist Church
At 7pm on Friday 13th September
Supported by local churches
FREE ADMISSION
With a retiring collection for the
Christian Initiative to Schools

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Baldock Methodist
Church
Whitehorse Street
SG7 6QB
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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. 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!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/milnefamilybikeride>

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. This 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

Clergy talking:

'When I preach I have the congregation glued to my seats.'
'Now why didn't I think of that!'

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!

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.

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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 8 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	Patronal Festival
	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 Columbanus by bike.	
Mon 9 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Tues 10 th	7.30 pm	Confirmation of Danny Adams and Rosie Hartley at Barley	
Wed 11 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Margaret Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
Thu 12 th	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Fri 13 th		<i>John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407</i>	
	7.00 pm	Joint Church concert at Methodist Church featuring our own church musicians raising money for Christian Initiatives in Schools	
Sat 14 th		<i>Holy Cross Day</i>	
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.00 am – 5.00 pm:	Bike n' Hike	
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	

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.