



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 13th October 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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

This Sunday is the **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion and baptism** we baptise Sylvie Middleton and welcome her as the newest member of the family of God. There is **Junior Church** and the music group, choir and organ will be accompanying our worship. We will also have a violin duet at communion composed by our own Antony Copsey. After the service Madeleine and Joe invite you to share some of Sylvie's baptism cake with your coffee.



At **6pm**, there is **Choral Evensong**. Join us for beautiful, evocative worship at the end of the day.

The **Bishop's Harvest Appeal** for **solar panels in Tanzania** will remain open for the next two weeks. Please place your donations in the plate at the back of church

Next Sunday is the **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9.30am Communion for All Ages** we launch our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. Our theme is about wrestling in prayer with God about difficult things.



Bygrave Harvest Supper is on **Friday 18th October** at **6.30pm**. Tickets £15 each or £30 for a family. Profits are for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. To reserve a place please text Lorraine on 07973 342061



At **11am** next week, **Bygrave HARVEST FESTIVAL** takes place. We have **Parish Communion** and there is **Junior Church**. Join us for a traditional village Harvest.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 21

Before the Gospel: 159 (Music Group)

On the way back from the font: 298 (Music Group)

Offertory hymn: 617

Final hymn: 565

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

The Gospel

Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Hillcrest, Page Close, Woodlands Way, Temple Court, Chiltern Road,
Beech Ridge

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Lynne Edwards,
Rosemary Charsley, Stephen Cooper, Eleanor Morrison, Helen Walden,
Olive Elves, Julian Evan Hart, Oliver Britton, Debbie Lovelock,
Brian Hamilton, Pat Kilbride, Peter Harris.

Those who have died recently:

Maimie Silom, Mardell Sayer.

At the anniversary of their death:

Juny Dando, Janet Palmer

The Choir Anthem: 'There's a wideness in God's mercy' by Maurice Bevan (1921-2006). Words as for hymn 662 in the orange hymn book.

Followed by: **'Lullaby' by Antony Copsy (b.1957)** on the violins.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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.

Can you help? Is there anyone who can spare a few hours for a few weeks to help at St Mary's Infant School with some simple admin tasks? If so, please speak to Fr Andrew.

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

The Christmas Tree Festival forms are available at the back of church – please take a form if you (or someone you know) would like to enter a tree or nativity scene this year. Rotas are also at the back of church – if you can spare an hour or so, we would be very grateful.

Upcoming Meetings:

After Hours: Sun 13th Oct at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

Tuesday Home Group: Tues 15th Oct at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Thursday Home Group: Thu 17th Oct at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

Community Sponsorship: Sun 27th Oct at 4.30pm

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

Monday Home Group: Mon 11th Nov at 3 The School House, South Rd

Baldock PCC: Mon 18th Nov at 7.45pm

Bygrave PCC: Mon 2nd Dec at 7.30pm at Mill Cottage

The PCC would like to thank everyone who completed our vision questionnaire. The results clearly show that worship is considered to be the top priority for the church both now and in the future. The church is also seen as a resource for the community where social and other events can be held and people hope that this will continue and be enhanced. The sense of a community hub where Jesus is at the centre comes across strongly. With the words that we used to describe the church, community came out the highest with unchanging being the most commonly deleted word. This suggests that as a congregation we are open to change and recognise that our building needs to be fit for purpose for all that the future holds. This includes being accessible to all and being a place where the community can join together in a variety of ways whilst also being able to connect with the divine and find peace.



Do you want to make your faith mean more than just Sunday? If so why not come to a Home Group? We have three, running monthly on Monday and Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The days and venues are in the **Upcoming meetings** section of this news sheet. They provide Christian fellowship, a chance to talk about things that matter, a chance to go deeper into the bible and a chance to pray for things on your mind. People who go speak very highly of them. Give it a go, if you've never tried it!

Variety Express perform 'The Greatest Show':

Variety Express, who rehearse in our church hall and include Roy and Jane from our choir, are performing 'The Greatest Show', featuring songs from The Greatest Showman. This family variety spectacular takes place from Thur 24th to Sun 27th October at St Francis School, Letchworth at 2pm or 7.30pm. Tickets are £9 or £7 for concessions. The performance is raising money for local charities.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/varietyexpress>

Hidden Humour

It was Billy's birthday and he never quite got round to thanking his relatives for their presents. As a result, his grandmother never received acknowledgment of the generous cheque she had given.

The next year things were different, however.

"Billy came over in person to thank me," the grandparent told a friend triumphantly.

"How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behaviour?"

"Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. "This year I didn't sign the cheque."

All Souls' Day

On Thursday 31st October at 8pm we hold our annual All Souls' Day Requiem Communion. We remember by name those whom we love who have died and trust in the overwhelming love of our creator

God that they are in the fullness of the Kingdom of God where his Son Jesus Christ is Lord and King. As you come up to communion you are invited to light a candle to symbolise sharing in this heavenly meal with all Christians on earth and the whole Kingdom of Heaven. A really special evening – don't miss it!



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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 32:22-31, Luke 18:1-8

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 13 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion & Baptism of Sylvie Middleton	
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	
	<u>7.00 pm</u>	After Hours at 24 Park Crescent	
	7.15 pm	Musical Events meeting	
Mon 14 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	2.30 pm	Funeral of Maimie Silom RIP	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
Tues 15 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Tuesday Home Group at the Rectory	
Wed 16 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 17 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Thursday Home Group at 20 The Gardens: lively, friendly bible discussion	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
	Fri 18 th	6.30 pm	Bygrave Harvest Supper
Sat 19 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 20 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Communion for All Ages & launch of shoebox campaign	
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival at Bygrave & Junior Church	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith 4 Teenagers in the church hall	

Jesus, master, have mercy on us!

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