



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 20th October 2019

8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Communion for All Ages
11.00am Bygrave Harvest Festival with Junior Church

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

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

This 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 how to make the most of talking to God.



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

THE CLOCKS CHANGE NEXT WEEK. COME TO CHURCH AN HOUR LATE!

Next Sunday is the **Last Sunday after Trinity**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** there is **Junior Church** and **Teenage Church**. We think about Christian healing and you will be invited to be anointed with oil as you come up to communion. The

sacrament of the Holy Spirit bringing wholeness and healing to your life.

On **Thursday next week** we celebrate our **All Souls' Requiem**.



This is a wonderful time when we rely on the resurrection of Jesus to give the sure hope of eternal life for all who come to him. **We hold before God by name all those we love who have died** and as you come up to communion you are invited to **light a candle** as a sign that the meal of bread and wine is a **heavenly banquet** which we

share with the whole of the Kingdom of heaven. **There is a list to sign at the back of church if you would like names of people you love who have died to be read out.**

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 606

Before the Gospel: Be bold, be strong
(on sheet)

Offertory hymn: 19

Final hymn: 525

Before the service starts we show a short video to launch our Operation Christmas Child 2019 Christmas Shoe Box campaign

The Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31

²²Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hymn before the Gospel: Be bold, Be strong

Be bold, Be strong, for the Lord your God is with you,
Be bold, Be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid (No! No! No!) I am not dismayed,
For I'm walking in faith and victory,
Come on and walk in faith and victory
For the Lord your God is with you.

Gospel Luke 18: 1 - 8

¹Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Park Street, Drapers Court, 7 Roes Malting, Saddlers Close, Gentle Court

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, Bob Burt.

Those who have died recently:

Irene Sayer, John Shearer.

At the anniversary of their death:

John Rogers, Betty Morgan

Choir Anthem: Saranam. Words by DT Niles. Punjabi melody. Arr. Geoff Weaver. A much loved hymn from the Indian subcontinent. Saranam means 'refuge' or 'I take refuge.'

*Saranam, saranam, saranam, Jesus, Saviour, Lord, now to you I come.
Saranam, saranam, saranam, you my Rock, my refuge, my heav'nly home.
Saranam, saranam, saranam.*

From the earth wherever I may be, out of desperation and through agony,
I cry in helplessness O answer me.

Saranam, saranam, saranam

In your heart give me a hiding place, and beneath your wings let me find
sheltering grace; O let me see the sunshine of your face.

Saranam, saranam, saranam

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,

here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign

with all your saints for ever.

Amen

We will be starting our next **Faith Confirmed Groups for adults** 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Sponsorship: Sun 27th Oct at 4.30pm

Healing Communion: Tues 29th Oct at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane

Tuesday Home Group: Tues 29th Oct at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Worship leaders' meeting: Sun 3rd Nov at 5.30pm in church

PCC Standing Committee: Mon 4th Nov at 8pm at the Rectory

After Hours: Sun 10th Nov at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

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

Thursday Home Group: Thu 21st Nov at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

Food4Life (worship for Teenagers): Sun 24th Nov in church

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.

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.



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 show 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>



The next Messy Church is on Sunday 3rd November from 12noon – 2pm. We will start with a lunch of jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings and then sponge pudding, followed by crafts and a short service.

This month we will be thinking about the armour of light that God gives us to wear to fight darkness in the world.

Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! No Charge but donations welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hidden Humour

A 4-year-old boy who was asked to give thanks before dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the meat, the potatoes, the fruit salad, the cakes, even the gravy. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

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! Write the names of the people you would like remembered who have died, on the list at the back of church.



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 29th October at 3pm at 6 Pinnocks 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.

Copies of **Hazel and Martin Frost's latest newsletter** are available at the back of church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

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 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	
Mon 21 st	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
Tues 22 nd	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Musical Events Meeting at 50 Church Street	
Wed 23 rd	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 24 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Sat 26 th	9.20 am	Quarter peal of bells	<i>Alfred, king, scholar, 899</i>
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Frankie Vary and Gillian Sommerfelt	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 27 th	CLOCKS CHANGE		
	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice) with Junior Church and Teenage Church	
	4.30 pm	Community Sponsorship Meeting	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith 4 Teenagers in the church hall	

I have seen God face to face

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