



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 27th October 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion (Junior Church & Teenage Church)

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

THE CLOCKS CHANGE TODAY. COME TO CHURCH AN HOUR LATE!

This 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** we celebrate our **All Souls' Requiem** AT **8pm**. 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.**



Next Sunday is **All Saints' Sunday**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** the mood changes as we spend the next couple of months thinking about the sure hope of the Kingdom of God and where we connect with it here on earth. **We start today together in the**



baptistery, remembering that through baptism we have Christ (the King) within us and **carry lighted candles round church** as we include our daily walk through life with Christ. **Communion until Christmas is at the High Altar**, a way of remembering that we share a sacred meal of bread and wine with all the saints on earth and in heaven. The **Praise be Band**, choir and organ accompany our worship. Do join us!

If you are at the 9.30am service before Messy Church, please could you help by carrying some chairs from the high altar to the back of the church in preparation for lunch. Many thanks.

At **11am** next week there is **Parish Communion** for **All Saints'** at **Bygrave**



At **12pm** next week there is **Messy Church**. 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.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 186

Before the Gospel: 45

Offertory hymn: 29

Final hymn: 440

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel Luke 18: 9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-

collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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

Aldridge Court, Football Close, Jackson Street, Orchard Road,
Meeting House Lane

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, Lionel Elliston,
Vera Davies

Those who have died recently:

Irene Sayer, John Shearer, Barbara Wood, Sylvia Eaton

At the anniversary of their death:

Tim Reed, Mary Sykes, James Freeth

As you receive communion you will be invited to be anointed with the oil of healing as we pray for wholeness of life for all humanity. You may like to use this time to offer to God areas in your own life that need healing, worries, relationships, illnesses and emotions.

Choir Anthem: 'Irish Blessing' by Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you,
may God hold you
ever in the palm of his hand.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and 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 3.30pm 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

Operation Christmas child shoeboxes.

Boxes and leaflets on what to put in them are available at the back of church. (Or you can provide your own shoebox). This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas by giving a present to a child you will never meet who will get very little in the way of Christmas blessings otherwise. It has a tremendous feel-good factor! The leaflet provides full details and enables you to barcode your box so that you know what town and what country your shoebox will have travelled to.



We need the boxes back by Sunday 17th November at the latest.

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!

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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>

Hidden Humour

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas, " he interrupted, "the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole.



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on Tuesday 29th October at 3.30pm 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.

Have you made a will? Have you considered leaving Baldock or Bygrave Parish Churches (or the Friends of St Mary's) a legacy in your will? We were fortunate to receive a considerable sum this year which has made things a lot smoother financially and smoothed the path towards the next restoration work. It is a really good way of helping God's Kingdom to grow and leaving a lasting memorial for centuries to come. And if you haven't made a will, please consider making one soon as otherwise it is a huge headache for your family at an already very stressful time. Many solicitors offer a free service for making wills during November. Speak to Andrew if you would like more details.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ephesians 1: 11-end, Luke 6: 20-31
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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 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
Mon 28 th	Half Term starts	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
	08.40 am	Morning Prayer
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues 29 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer <i>James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885</i>
	3.30 pm	Healing Communion and Prayers at 6 Pinnocks Lane
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30 pm	Home Group at Rectory
Wed 30 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 31 st	8.40 am	Morning Prayer
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	6.45 pm	Choir practice
	8.00 pm	All Souls' Tide Requiem Communion
Fri 1 st Nov	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
Sat 2 nd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer <i>All Souls' Day</i>
Nov	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 3 rd	7.20 am	Morning Prayer <i>All Saints' Day</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion by Bygrave
	12.00 pm	Messy Church
	5.30 pm	Evening Prayer & Worship Leaders' Meeting
	6.45 pm	Faith 4 Teenagers in the church hall

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