



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 6th October 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

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

This Sunday is our **HARVEST FESTIVAL**. At the **LATER START** of **10:30** we celebrate **Parish Communion** and **Messy Church**. We invite the whole Church community to join us from Tiny Tots and Messy Church. We 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. The Junior School choir will be joining us. Everyone comes together again for a blessing at communion. **Harvest lunch will follow at roughly 11.45am.**



Harvest Festival donations: In addition to the usual harvest donations, the foodbank would be very grateful to receive tinned fruit, meat, vegetables, fish, sponge pudding, rice pudding and custard, Long life Juice and milk (UHT).

We are also holding a financial collection for the **Bishop's Harvest appeal** which is to supply **solar panels to villages in Tanzania**. If you feel strongly about the threat of climate change or the inequality between the first and third world then you may wish to give generously.

At **11am** there is **Morning Worship at Bygrave**. We launch the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign at this service.

Bygrave Harvest Festival is on October 20th. Bygrave Harvest Supper is on Friday 18th October.

Next 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 string quartet at communion composed by our own Antony Copsey.



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

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 25

Before the Gospel: 236

Offertory hymn: 719

Final hymn: 184

You are invited to lay your Harvest offerings at the altar during the first hymn

The Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The New Testament Reading Philipians 4: 4 – 9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel John 6: 25 – 35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ³² Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ ³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

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

Barley Rise, Chauncy Gardens, Maltings Close, Yeomanry Drive,
Clothall Corner

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:

Enid Collins, John McNeil, Maimie Silom

At the anniversary of their death:

William Gray, Nancy Palmer, David Finney, Dorothy Layton, Dorothy Rudd,
Alec Page

Choir Anthem: Give thanks (Author unknown)

Long before the summer started, fields were ploughed and sown.
Seeds were scattered, crops were planted, now they are full grown.

Give thanks for the Harvest, the sun, the seed, the rain.

Give thanks to God the Father for harvest time again.

April showers and sunny weather fed the earth again.
Warmth and moisture, both together, helped to grow the grain.

Give thanks for the Harvest ...

Every field of golden yellow, standing in the sun
Tells how God in all His splendour, cares for everyone.

Give thanks for the Harvest ...

Come with thankful hearts and voices, come with joyful song.
For the good food all around us, now the work is done.

Give thanks for the Harvest ...

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Acclamation

Notice the good things God has given us.	We will Alleluia!
Support the people near and far who haven't enough to eat.	We will Alleluia!
Care for the world which God has given us	We will Alleluia!
Protect it from harm by thinking about how you live	We will Alleluia!
Enjoy the beauty of the good things God has given us cherish the gift of creation	We will Alleluia!

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. The **Faith 4 Teenagers group begins on Sunday 6th October at 6.45pm in the church hall.**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday Home Group: Mon 7th Oct at 8pm, 24 Park Crescent

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

Baldock PCC: Mon 18th Nov at 7.45pm

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

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)

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.

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.

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

I know it seems far too early to start thinking about Christmas but it is only 8 weeks until the Christmas Tree Festival! Entry forms will be available soon and we will also be asking for your help during the weekend – stewarding, helping in the coffee bar, manning the tower etc. Please put the date in your diary now and please help us to make it a successful weekend by giving an hour or two of your time during the weekend. We need your help to make it work! Thank you.



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!

Hidden Humour

Q: Which vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?

A: The leek

Andrew's Sabbatical Talk: A number of people have asked if I would repeat my Guinness to Chablis talk as they couldn't go. If you would like to hear it, let me know and if there is enough interest I'll arrange another date.

Real Advent Calendar: There is a sheet at the back of church for people to sign to order a Christian Advent calendar from the real Advent Calendar campaign. Fair trade chocolate, a traditional Christian Christmas scene with not a hint of superman, and a free Christmas story activity book. All for £3.99.



You may have noticed that the eagle lectern and the nave altar have disappeared. They are being made more moveable and receiving a bit of TLC, and should reappear in about a month.

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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 6 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Parish Communion & Messy Church	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship at Bygrave (Katrina Nice)	
	11.45 am	Harvest Lunch	
	3.00 pm	Baptism of Ariella Ladbrook & Nico & Emilio Primavera	
	<u>5.30 pm</u>	Evening Prayer and worship leaders' meeting	
	6.45 pm	Faith 4 Teenagers in church hall	
Mon 7 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Communion at Magdalene Court	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
Tues 8 th	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Wed 9 th	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Thu 10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Bell practice	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644</i>
Fri 11 th	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	11.30 am	Wedding of Alex Mabert and Emma Lavery	
Sat 12 th	2.00 pm	Wedding of Dan Hill and Lisa Hamblin	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 13 th	<i>Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709</i>		
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	
	6.45 pm	After Hours at 24 Park Crescent	

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Luke 17: 11-19