



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 10th November 2019

8.00am Holy Communion **9.30am Parish Communion**

11.00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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

This Sunday is the **Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** we lay a wreath at our church war memorial and you have an opportunity to **place a poppy on the large wooden cross** as a way of thinking about those whose lives are sacrificed in warfare and the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. There will be **special prayers together using pictures on the big screen** on this theme and peace and justice. We finish in good time for ...

... The **Act of Remembrance** at the **war memorial** at **11am**.



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

Next Sunday is the **Second Sunday before Advent**. At our **9.30am Communion for All Ages**

we are looking at the connection between the Kingdom of God (which started to burst through with Jesus living on earth) and whether we are following God's call to be good



stewards of his creation. Both ask for radical action which turns the accepted world order upside down. We will be making prayer bunting from paper discs showing the world. The choir **Infant School Christian choir, Music Group** and organ accompany our worship. **Please bring your Operation Christmas child Shoebox back by today** so we can bless it and send it on its way.

At **11am** next week there is **Parish Communion** with **Junior Church** at **Bygrave**. **Please bring your shoe box back today if you have not already done so.**

At **1.30pm** next week there is worship at **Temple Court**.

At **3pm**, next week, we have our annual service for all who are bereaved, **In Loving memory ...** We sing well known hymns and pray for all we love who have died and for all who are bereaved. The **Book of Remembrance** has been updated and will be blessed, and we trust is God's overpowering love and welcome for all who come to him through the gates of death. There is tea and refreshments after the service. Invite your friends who may be interested!



Today's worship

Opening hymn: 153

Before the Gospel: 311

Offertory hymn: 575

Final hymn: 582

The Collect

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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: Job 19: 23-27a

‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

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

Osbourne Court, Astonia House, Elmwood Court, Heath Hall,
Pepper Court, The Orchard.

Those in need of healing:

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

Those who have died recently:

Barbara Wood, Sylvia Eaton, Vera Davies

At the anniversary of their death:

Molly Browne, Kenneth Cairns, Len Bye

You are invited to pin a poppy on the cross during communion as a way of holding fast to the sacrifice of Christ and praying that the sacrifice of humanity during war will be removed.

Choir Anthem: Peace between nations. Christopher Wiggins (b.1956)

Peace between nations, peace between races.
Peace between neighbours, in love of the King of Life.

Peace between sister and brother, peace between wife and husband.
Peace between parents and children, the peace of Christ above all peace.

Peace between brothers, peace between sisters.
Peace between lovers in love of the King of Life.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Tuesday Home Group: Tues 12th Nov at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Baldock PCC: Mon 18th Nov at 7.45pm

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

Community Sponsorship: Sun 24th Nov at 4.30pm

Food4Life (worship for Teenagers): Sun 24th Nov at 6.45 in church

Healing Communion: Tues 26th Nov at 3.30pm at 6 Pinnocks Lane

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

Worship leaders' meeting: Sun 15th Dec at 5.30pm in church

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.**

Hidden Humour

Trick Question to tease your mind: **How can you lift an elephant with one hand?** (For the answer see the penultimate page)

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.



Travelling Crib rota

Advent is only a few weeks away. Would you like to host Mary, Joseph and the donkey for a night

during Advent as they journey to Bethlehem? Sign the list at the back of church!

Toy Service: Each year we collect new unwrapped toys to give to families that are really struggling to afford the expense of Christmas. They are distributed by a local children's centre. If you would like to contribute a toy, please bring it on Dec 1st. If you can provide wrapping paper for it to be wrapped in later, so much the better.



Those of you who would like to come **to a rerun of my talk about my pilgrimage through Ireland and France by bike** last summer may like to know that it is arranged for Friday 3rd April 2020 at 2.30pm in the Arts and Heritage Centre.

Friends of St Mary's Festive Stall during the Street Fair – 7th Dec.
FOSM are manning a 'festive' raffle stall on Saturday 7th December. We would be grateful for any donations (mulled wine, crackers, mince pies, stollen, wine, decorations etc.) A donations box is at the back of church.

Christmas Tree Festival (Sat 7th Dec – Sun 8th Dec)

Christmas Tree Festival: forms are available at the back of church. Please take one if you would like to enter a tree or crib.

Sparkling wine / champagne: do you have a bottle of sparkling wine or champagne you could donate for the raffle prizes?

Rotas: are out at the back of church. We really need your help to make the weekend a success which means as many hands as possible during the weekend. If you can spare an hour or two, please sign the rota.

The Hampers list is also at the back of church. If you can donate something festive for one of the hampers, **or an actual hamper**, please sign your name next to the item, ensuring that you deliver it by Sunday 1st December.

Raffle tickets: Available soon - please take some and sell them to your friends and family. We are sourcing some great prizes!

Tower Trips: If you can help with a shift on the tower during the Christmas Tree Festival (Saturday 7th Dec only), please get in touch with Paul MacArthur at stmarystowertrips@gmail.com He still needs lots of volunteers in order to make it viable to open the tower that day. Please help if you can.

Tombola items: If you have any donations of bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts etc, please put them into the box at the back of church.

Cake donations: All donations will be gratefully received! Thank you.

Advent Calendars: Real Advent calendars with the Christmas story on the front instead of a mythical cartoon character. £3.99 each. Fairtrade chocolate and price includes a donation to charity. Also includes a little booklet with the whole of the Christmas story to tell your children. Make sure it means something! Get yours today from church or larger supermarkets!



Do you own a leather jacket which was left at the Rectory a couple of weeks ago. Please speak to Helen if you know who the owner is!

Answer: It's not a problem you'll never find an elephant with one hand. They have four legs.

Message from Helen & Sandra Walden: thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during the past year; they have been a great comfort and support to us both and we continue to make good progress. Many thanks again.

Christmas Card making & other activities – Sat 30th Nov: 2-5pm

Laura Higgins is raising donations for SMILE Charity Uganda (which helps children and vulnerable families in Kampala) by hosting a Christmas card making event, together with games, puzzles and more, in the church hall. Ideal for infants and children up to 12 years old. Sandwiches, tea and coffee and Ugandan food available. Free entry but donations to SMILE.



Could you help St Mary's Church find information to reduce our carbon footprint and inspire others to as well?

Eg curtains/blinds for the hall, bike racks, solar panels, ground/air source heat pump, insulation. **Please join the Eco Group!** Katrina, Phil and Laura Higgins would love to chat about any eco ideas with you!
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 1: 26-31, Luke 5:36-38

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 10 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	11.00 am	Act of Remembrance at war memorial	
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	
	7.00 pm	After Hours at 24 Park Crescent	
Mon 11 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	3.45 pm	Friends of St Mary's meeting in Church Hall	
	<u>6.00 pm</u>	Evening Prayer	
Tues 12 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Tuesday House Group	
Wed 13 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Charles Simeon, priest, 1836</i>
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	7.30 pm	Bell practice	
Thu 14 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Sat 16 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Margaret, queen, philanthropist 1093</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 17 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	9.30 am	Communion for all Ages (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	11.00 am	Bygrave Parish Communion (preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	1.30 pm	Temple Court worship ((preacher: Sharon Cooper)	
	3.00 pm	In Loving Memory	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith4Teens in the church hall	

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I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end he will stand upon the earth