



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



"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"

Sunday 17th November 2019

**8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Communion for All Ages
11.00am Parish Communion (with Junior Church) at Bygrave
3.00pm In Loving Memory ...**

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

This 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** 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** there is worship at **Temple Court**.

At **3pm** 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!

Next Sunday is the **Feast of Christ the King (Stir up Sunday)**, the last Sunday of the Christian Year. At our **9.30am Parish Communion** there is **Junior Church** and we rejoice in worshipping a different sort of King and ponder what that means for our daily lives as Christians. Don't miss the opportunity to say the Christmas pudding Collect!



At **6.45pm** next week we hold **Food for Life (worship for Teenagers)** A simple communion service, discussion and food.

Today's worship

Opening hymn: Our God is a great big God (Music Group)

Before the Gospel: 272 (Music Group)

Offertory hymn: 162

Final hymn: 372

Opening hymn **Our God is a great big God**

*Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And He holds us in His hands. (repeat)*

He's higher than a skyscraper,
He's deeper than a submarine,
He's wider than the universe,
And beyond my wildest dreams.
He's known me and He's loved me,
Since before the world began,
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God

The Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 1: 26-31

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Gospel Luke 5:36-38

³⁶ He also told them a parable: 'No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, "The old is good."

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive

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.
Sue Pearson.

Those who have died recently:

Vera Davies, Frank Bull, Jacqueline Harvey

At the anniversary of their death:

Wilf Jolley, Margaret Harradine, Cecil Boniface, Joan Smithers, Stanley Eastwick

Choir Anthem: Seek Ye First (Hymn 590)

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Dismissal

Children Thine is the Kingdom

All: **Help us to spare it**

Children Thine is the power

All: **Help us to share it**

Children Thine is the glory
All: Help us to care for it
Children For ever and ever
All: Amen

Go in peace to live lives of value and love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday Home Group: Mon 9th Dec at 24 Park Crescent

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 83 Coachmans Lane

Churches Together in Baldock: Tues 26th Nov at 7pm at Methodists

Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting: Mon 2nd Dec at 3.45pm

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

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

After Hours: Sun 22nd Dec at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

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



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!

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.



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: are out this weekend - 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 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.

FOSM Stall – The Friends are manning a ‘festive’ raffle stall on Sat 7th Dec. We would be grateful for any donations (mulled wine, crackers, mince pies, stollen, wine, decorations etc). A donation box is at the back of church.

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! kmnice2013@gmail.com



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.

Hidden Humour

Q: How many climate scientists does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: None – There is no known evidence that light bulbs burn out.

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.

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.

Advent Group For those who want to make space for Advent to be a thoughtful preparation for the coming of Christ! **I know. December is busier and busier!** But for just an hour and a half a week you can engage in some Christian discussion and fellowship that will give the madness of Christmas some extra meaning. **Tuesdays at 7.30pm on December 3rd, 10th and 17th at the**

Rectory. *At the beginning of his Gospel, right in the midst of the story of the birth of Jesus, Luke includes three songs which say amazing things about what God is doing when he sends his Son. They are quite well known but often sung without really thinking about what they mean.* Each evening will be complete in itself, so don't worry if you can't make all three. Mince pies and mulled wine optional!



Advent Festival of Carols: Advent Sunday December 1st at 6pm: One of the best loved services of the year. Start Advent off with a flourish. Wonderful music, exciting anthems, stirring readings. All in the mystery and wonder of a darkened church in December. Don't miss it!

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 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	
Mon 18 th	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
	5.15 pm	Evening Prayer	
Tues 19 th	7.45 pm	PCC in the church hall	
	<i>Hilda, abbess, 680</i>		
	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
Wed 20 th	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
	<i>Edmund, king, martyr, 870</i>		
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Margaret Holford)	
Thu 21 st	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
	10.30 am	Home Group at 20 The Gardens	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Sat 23 rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 24 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Christ the King</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	4.30 pm	Community Sponsorship meeting in the church hall	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Food4Life – Worship for Teenagers in the church hall	

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23: 33-43