



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 3rd November 2019

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave 12.00pm Messy Church

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

This 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. **We 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** there is **Parish Communion** for **All Saints'** at **Bygrave**



At **12pm** 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.

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

Today's worship

Opening hymn: In Christ alone (Praise Be) Before the Gospel: 177

Offertory hymn: 746

During Communion: Lay my life down (Praise Be)

Final hymn: 758

The New Testament Ephesians 1: 11 – 23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

During the first hymn (on your yellow service sheet) you are invited to bring your candle follow the cross and come and stand around the font

The Gospel Luke 6: 20 – 31

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷'But I say to you that listen, Love your

enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

Hurst Close, Iredale View, Jeve Close, Rivett Close

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,
Pat Kilbride, Peter Harris, Lionel Elliston, Vera Davies

Those who have died recently:

Barbara Wood, Sylvia Eaton

At the anniversary of their death:

Tom Camp, Jack Browne, Richard Elves, Ken Williams, Gerry Hann

The Choir Anthem ‘The eternal gifts of Christ the King’. Melody: Guidetti (1582) Arr: Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

The eternal gifts of Christ the King
The Apostles’ glorious deeds, we sing:
And while due hymns of praise we pay,
Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

‘Twas thus the yearning faith of Saints,
Th’ unconquered hope that never faints,
The love of Christ that knows not shame,
The Prince of this world overcame.

In these the Father’s glory shone;
In these the will of God the Son;
In these exalts the Holy Ghost;
Through these rejoice the Heavenly Host.

Redeemer, hear us of Thy love,
That with this glorious band above,
Hereafter of thine endless grace,
Thy servants also may have place. Amen.

Hymn: I lay my life down (Praise Be Band)

I lay my life down, I lay myself down, I lay my crowns down at your feet.

To win for the Lamb the rewards of his suffering,
To win for the Lamb the lost.
To win for the Lamb the rewards of his suffering,
And take up the cross. [Repeat]

Post Communion

O God,
the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
grant that we, who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
may with all thy saints
be welcomed to the heavenly feast
in the day of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

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.**



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.

Hidden Humour

Q: Who is the patron saint of security cameras?

A: St Francis of a CCTV

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!



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.

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 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	
Mon 4 th	Schools go back today		
	08.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30 am	Communion at Magdalene Court	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in the church hall	
	4.45 pm	Evening Prayer	
Wed 6 th	8.00 pm	PCC and Finance Committee at the Rectory	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Margaret Holford)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots Sing-a-long	
Thu 7 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Willibrord, bishop, 739</i>
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Choir practice	
Fri 8 th	<i>Saints and Martyrs of England</i>		
Sat 9 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
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	

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Job 19: 23-27a, Luke 20: 27-38

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