



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

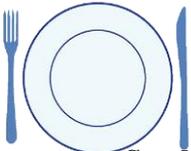
Sunday 19th January 2020

**8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion
11.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church at Bygrave
12.00pm Fellowship Lunch**

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

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Epiphany. At our **9.30am Parish Communion**, there is **Junior Church** and **Teenage Church**. We think about Jesus calling his first disciples and invite everyone present to talk in small groups about their own path of discipleship.

At **11am** this week there is **Parish Communion** with **Junior Church** at **Bygrave**.

Fell  **wship Lunch**

Sunday 19th January at 12:00.

**Menu: Roast Pork or vegetarian option followed by pudding.
Everybody welcome – don't eat lunch alone, come and share it with friends.**

At **1.30pm** this week there is worship at **Temple Court**

Next Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Epiphany**. At our **9.30am Parish Communion**, there is **Junior Church** and the **Music Group, Choir** and **organ** accompany our worship. We look at how Jesus was, is and always will be the true light in the world bringing hope and salvation to those who follow him.



At **6.45pm** next week there is **Food4Life** (worship for Teenagers) in church

Today's worship

Opening hymn: 609

Before the Gospel: 658

Offertory hymn: 752

Final hymn: 137

The Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 40: Take, O take me

Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

I waited, I waited for the Lord, who stooped down to me,
and heard my cry. *[Refrain]*

God drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay,
and set me foot upon a rock, and made my footsteps firm. *[Refrain]*

God put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. *[Refrain]*

The New Testament Reading I Corinthians 1: 1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel John 1: 29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³²And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.”’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

After the Gospel reading you are invited to gather into small groups to discuss the bible readings.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Park Close, Park Gardens, Mansfield Road, Walkers Court, Payens Corner,
Elm Park

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves,
Stephen Cooper, Eleanor Morrison, Lionel Elliston, Pat Kilbride, Peter Harris,
Oliver Britton, Julian Evan Hart, Christine Roderick, Liz Smith, Anne England.

Those who have died recently:

Freda Wilkinson, Jean Ransted, Sandy McBain, Vivien Crellin, Lynne Edwards,

At the anniversary of their death:

Moira Thomson, Horace Armishaw, Minnie Pooley, John Pollard,
Dave Hawkins, Samuel Elves, Doris Spencer

**Choir Anthem: 'The Lamb' composed by John Tavener
(1944-2013). Words by William Blake (1757-1827)**

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Upcoming Meetings:

After Hours: Sun 19th Jan at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

Monday Home Group: Mon 20th Jan at 8pm at 24 Park Crescent

Healing Communion: Tues 21st Jan at 3.30pm at 83 Coachmans Lane

Food4Life (worship for Teens) Sun Jan 26th at 6.45pm in church

Baldock PCC: Mon 27th Jan at 7.45pm

Tuesday Home Group: Tues 28th Jan at 7.30pm at the Rectory

Worship leaders' meeting: Sun 2nd Feb at 5.30pm in church

Bygrave PCC: Mon 3rd Feb at 7.30pm at 4 Ashwell Road

Community Sponsorship: Sun 23rd Feb at 4.30pm

Thursday Home Group: Thu 27th Feb at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

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

Did you know?

It costs £3,500 for gas and electricity to heat and light the church building each year. The January and February gas bills are in the region of £450 alone per month.



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on **Tuesday 21st Jan at 83 Coachmans Lane at 3.30pm**. These 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.

Diocese of St Albans vacancy: Part Time Ministry Development Team Administrator

Applications are invited for this busy and varied post supporting the work of the Ministry Development Team, including the management of training events and administration of reviews for curates and Readers. Closing date: Friday 24 January, 12 noon. Please see pack on link below for further information: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/MDT-Administrator-application-pack.pdf>

Freda Wilkinson's funeral is on **Tues 28th Jan at 12.30pm** at St Mary's Church, followed by a reception in the church hall.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Once a year we focus on praying for greater unity between the wide variety of Christian Churches in the world. This is always focussed around the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on January 25th.

In Baldock we are invited to each other's churches for the following times of prayer:

Mon 20th 12pm Communion at St Mary's

Tues 21st 12pm Worship at Catholic church

Thurs 23rd 12pm Worship at Methodist church

Fri 24th 12pm Worship at URC

Each of these is followed by a simple shared lunch

Whether you can get to any of these or not, please pray during this week for greater unity and co-operation between Churches of differing denominations.

On Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm we are hosting a deanery **confirmation service at St Mary's**. Three of our young people are likely to be confirmed; please make a date in your diary and come and support them.

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

Hidden Humour

Q: Did you know that they had cars in Jesus' time?

A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord

Foodbank looks for Volunteers: One of our original Baldock volunteers, Sandy McBain, died suddenly on Christmas Day. He will be sadly missed, and hard to replace. However, it does leave us a little short staffed, and we are looking for more people to volunteer. We only ask most of our volunteers to do one session per month, from 10am until 12 noon on a Tuesday or Friday morning. New volunteers get on-the-job training, and do not work alone. Baldock Distribution Centre, in the church hall, is not too busy, but over the years we have helped many families in crisis from Baldock and surrounding villages. If you think you could help, please contact either Phil Charsley or Shelley Wilshire, or call in at one of our sessions!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Matthew 4: 12-23, I Corinthians 1: 10-18

Music at St Mary's Baldock presents,
in aid of the Church Restoration,

The Phantom of the Opera



A showing of the 1925 silent film
directed by Rupert Julian with
live organ improvisation
performed by David Hinitt,
organist at Christ Church,
Southgate.

Saturday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 in advance either online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm
or from Baldock Community Centre, or £12 on the door
(children free). Pay bar and complimentary canapés.

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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 19 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (with Junior and Teenage Church)	
	11.00 am	Parish Communion at Bygrave (with Junior Church)	
	1.30 pm	Worship at Temple Court	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Faith 4 Teenagers in Church Hall	
Mon 20 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	
	12.00 pm	Communion for Unity Week followed by soup lunch	
	1.30 pm	Silent Prayer in church hall	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Tue 21 st	8.00 pm	15 Houses Committee Trustees' meeting at Rectory	
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer	
	12.00 pm	Prayers at Catholic Church for Unity Week followed by soup lunch	
	3.30 pm	House Communion and prayer for healing and wholeness at 83 Coachmans Lane	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Wed 22 nd	8.00 am	Morning Prayer	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Ian Friars)	
	10.30 am	Tiny Tots	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Thu 23 rd	12.00 pm	Prayers at Methodist Church for Unity Week followed by soup lunch	
	6.45pm	Choir practice	
Fri 24 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer	<i>Francis de Sales, bishop, 1622</i>
	12.00 pm	Prayers at URC for Unity Week followed by soup lunch	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sat 25 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>Conversion of Paul</i>
	7.30 pm	Phantom of the Opera Silent Movie with organ improvisation	
Sun 26 th	7.20 am	Morning Prayer	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Ch (Preacher: Katrina Nice)	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	
	6.45 pm	Food 4 Life – Communion (worship for teenagers)	

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'