



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



*"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"*

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**8.00am Holy Communion      9.30am Parish Communion**  
**6.45pm Food4Life (worship for Teenagers)**

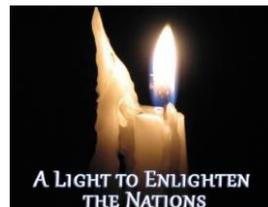
*There is a quiet traditional service of Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 8am*

**This 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** there is **Food4Life** (worship for Teenagers) in church

**Next Sunday** is the **Feast of Candlemass**, the last Sunday of Christmastide. At our **9.30am Parish Communion**, link together both Christmas and Easter as we celebrate the saving work of the whole life of Jesus, with a praise march past both the crib and the cross. Join us as we light candles for the light of the world.



At **11am** next week there is **Parish Communion** for **Candlemass** at **Bygrave**.



At **12pm** next week, there will be **Messy Church**. Join us for a delicious lunch of cottage pie (or vegetarian option) followed by fruit, meringue and ice cream. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! There will be crafts, activities and games around the church including a short service. No Charge—donations welcome. We will be looking at the parable of the wise man who built his house upon a rock.

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## **Today's worship**

Opening hymn: 259

Before the Gospel: 332 (Music Group)

Offertory hymn: 144

Final hymn: 766 (Music Group)

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 27 - Hymn 944 in the orange hymn books. The choir will sing this as two separate rounds.**

## **The New Testament Reading     I Corinthians 1: 10-18**

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **The Gospel     Matthew 4: 12-23**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Aldridge Court, Football Close, Jackson Street, Orchard Road,  
Meeting House Lane.

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, Sandy McBain, Vivien Crellin, Lynne Edwards,  
Frederick Day

At the anniversary of their death:

Nancy Leahy, Irene Woodley, Nellie Yorke, Ada Flack, Mary Mackoniche,  
Betty Dashwood, Peggy Knightley, Madge Woodward

## **Choir Anthem: 'A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester' by L.J.White (1910-70)**

O Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer,  
Friend and Brother,  
May we know thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
And follow thee more nearly.  
Amen.

## **Post Communion**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Food4Life (worship for Teens)** Sun Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm in church

**Baldock PCC:** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.45pm

**Tuesday Home Group:** Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pm at the Rectory

**Worship leaders' meeting:** Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 5.30pm in church

**Bygrave PCC:** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7.30pm at 4 Ashwell Road

**Monday Home Group:** Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm at 24 Park Crescent

**After Hours:** Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm, 24 Park Crescent

**Community Sponsorship:** Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 4.30pm

**Healing Communion:** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3.30pm at 83 Coachmans Lane

**Thursday Home Group:** Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am at 20 The Gardens

**Friends of St Mary's Committee meeting:** Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar at 3.45pm

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

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**If you are willing to provide cakes, savouries and scones, please let Emma know.**

# Fell wship Lunch

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 12:00.**

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

**The Fellowship Lunch in March in on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon and will be a Lent soup and cheese lunch**



Our next **communion service where we pray for healing and wholeness** is on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### 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.



### Hidden Humour

**Q:** What do you get when you cross a fishing lure with a dirty sock?

**A:** A hook, line and stinker!

**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!

## 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. Speak to Andrew if you would like more details.



## 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!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Hebrews 2: 14-end, Luke 2: 22-40

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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 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>
	7.20 am Morning Prayer
	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)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am Hartsfield School Year 1 visit church
	<u>4.15 pm</u> Evening Prayer
	7.45 pm PCC in church hall
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> †	<u>8.30 am</u> Morning Prayer
	9.00 am Freda Wilkinson received into church
	12.30 pm Funeral of Freda Wilkinson RIP
	<u>5.00 pm</u> Evening Prayer
	7.30 pm Tuesday Home Group meets at the Rectory
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am Holy Communion
	10.30 am Tiny Tots
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles, king and martyr, 1649</i>
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Candlemass</i>
	7.20 am Morning Prayer
	8.00 am Holy Communion (Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	9.30 am Parish Communion (Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	11.00 am Parish Communion at Bygrave (Preacher: Sharon Cooper)
	12.00 pm Messy Church
	5.30 pm Evening Prayer and Worship leaders' meeting
	6.45 pm Faith4Teens in church hall

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