



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 5th April 2020

Following the latest directions from the Prime Minister, Baldock and Bygrave churches are closed for public worship and private prayer and all public meetings and social events are cancelled until further notice except those specifically indicated.

Join us for Sunday Zoom worship at 9.30am (or 11am for Messy Zoom) by (you can do it by using a laptop, tablet or smart phone). It's a really good way of feeling part of the St Mary's Christian community. If you need help connecting, contact Andrew Holford. You are invited to collect a small branch or twig, preferably with some leaves on it.



We are also saying Evening Prayer together each day by Zoom (see the times in Week at a Glance). The link to join in is sent out in the daily mailing. If you can't make the evening times but would like to say Morning Prayer (which is usually at 8.40am), contact Andrew Holford.

All three of our Home Groups are still operating: Monday evening at 8pm, Tuesday at 7.30pm and Thursday morning at 10.30am. And our young people meet each Sunday evening for a Zoom session. Get in touch for more details.

Call 01462 896273 or email 2008luddite@gmail.com to speak to the Rector Andrew Holford.

We may not be worshipping together for some time but in order to thrive emotionally and spiritually (and therefore physically) it is really important that each of us nurtures our relationship with each other and of course with God.

Jesus, the Son of God, spent his ministry 'being with' people. So do your best to 'be with' each other, ring each other up, join a Zoom meeting, use social media if you have it, and be ready to share your worries and your frustrations as well as your joys and your relief. And be prepared to listen to other people.

Make sure your neighbours are getting the support they need. Assure each other of your prayers. And when you are praying for them, use the time to nurture your relationship with God. As we can't get to public worship together, make a special point of reading the bible and pondering what the readings are saying to you.

We are sending out a daily mailing by email, text and Facebook posting (which is also on the web). Let us know if you would like to sign up for these.

Free resources for prayer are available on our website www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk,
(head down the page to the blog entries)

or on Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/StMaryTheVirginBaldock/>

Call 01462 892838 or email baldockcs0@gmail.com if you know someone who is housebound and needs support or if you need practical support during the crisis

And if you know someone who can't receive emails but would benefit from having this pew leaflet delivered, please get in touch.



To worship with us on Sunday morning at 9.30am copy the link below into your browser: *You are invited to find a small branch or twig, preferably with some leaves on it*

To worship with us at I I am for Messy Zoom worship, use the same link



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/598065551?pwd=c3FxRElCY0RHL2x0WVREQnR1VUhvQT09>

Meeting ID: 598 065 551

Password: 032314

You shouldn't need the meeting ID or the password.

We recommend you sign in in good time if you haven't used Zoom before

If you want to have a practice before Sunday, contact Andrew Holford



Prayers and readings for this Sunday

If you are joining us on Zoom you are invited to find a small branch or twig, preferably with some leaves on it. The churchyard has lots of these – you can collect one during your daily exercise. We can't get a palm cross

to everyone, this might have the same symbolism!

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

The servant of the LORD said: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 31: 9 – 16

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; ♦
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; ♦
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; ♦
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; ♦
I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side; ♦
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord. ♦
I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand; ♦
deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayers

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin
which mean spiritual death,

and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them,
and administer them,

that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship,
failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Aleyn Way, Constantine Place, Merchants Walk, Wallington Road

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, Julian Evan Hart,
Stephen Cooper, Lionel Elliston, Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton,
Christine Roderick, Liz Smith, Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt,
Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Lorna Thorpe

Those who have died recently:

Bruce Arnold, Brenda Runacres. Michael Welch, Brian Sutton, Peter Gathercole
Joan Hutchins

At the anniversary of their death:

Derek Barton, Eric Woodward, Rose Gray, John Swinburn, Gwen Hunter,
Ivy Cesvette

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Baldock Coronavirus Support Group & helping vulnerable neighbours

A Coronavirus Support Group has been set up in Baldock to discuss ways of supporting our local community. The St Mary's Church Office phone number (01462 892838) has become the Baldock Corona Volunteer Support Line and will be monitored daily - if no one answers, there is an answerphone which will be checked regularly. The line is for anyone who is concerned about the virus, and particularly those with elderly or vulnerable local friends or neighbours. If the question is about medical concerns, please call NHS 111 and not the helpline.

In addition, we are seeking more volunteers to support the elderly and vulnerable during the Corona outbreak, in a safe way which will reduce the risk of spreading the infection further. If you would like to help, please contact the Support Group directly (baldockcs0@gmail.com or leave a message on the helpline number). Even if you are unable to volunteer more generally, please look out for your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable.

Hidden Humour

How do trees get online? – They just log on.

Eco Tip 9: Now that the council have stopped collecting garden waste and food caddies, think about making a compost heap (or another one!) if you have a garden but do remember **NOT** to add cooked food left overs as these attract rats. Sadly for the time being these must go back to landfill via the purple bins (best option- don't buy/cook more food than you need)

The Foodbank are caught between very high levels of demand for parcels and not enough volunteers to man the warehouse. This means that in the short term they may have to close the warehouse for a while and offer vouchers for food, rather than food parcels whilst they regroup. **Therefore in the short term, the most helpful support for the Foodbank is financial donations.** If you don't know where to send the donation, send to the Rectory, and I'll pass it on.

Holy Week and Easter will be different this year!

I encourage you to do three things.

Maundy Thursday:

We will be having 2 hours of Zoom prayer between 7 and 9pm. Most of this will be in silence as we watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane but the silence will be interspersed with prayers and thoughts and readings. I invite you to Zoom in for some of this. We will end with Compline at 9pm.



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Password: 026068



Good Friday

Morning Prayer at 9am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/689191318?pwd=ZnFFWEFpVjRnOTVPbkZNSXk2Sk9nZz09>

Meeting ID: 689 191 318

Password: 001958

and Evening Prayer at 5pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/172067434?pwd=NzE0TGxSNVvtZWtwM1RSNG9jcmM5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 172 067 434

Password: 023958

Do join us for one or both.

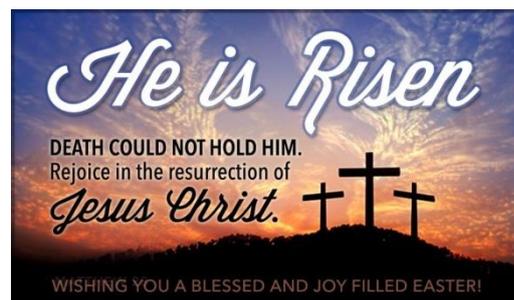
Easter Day

There will be a simple Zoom Eucharist at 8.30am.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/437086479?pwd=SnVTM1BZRTVvd1ozek54VjAzchKxZz09>

Meeting ID: 437 086 479

Password: 013344



The main Easter Worship will be at 9.30am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/567734869?pwd=Wm1WVGgrQW8rYm56bFBxWnNSZzVYQT09>

Meeting ID: 567 734 869

Password: 028508

If you haven't got access to Zoom you may like to spend a few minutes praying at the same time as the Zoom sessions.

See Week at a glance for details of other worship during Holy Week.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Sun 5 th | 8.00 am | Morning Prayer | <i>Palm Sunday</i> |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Worship via Zoom (see pg 2 for how to join) | |
| | 11.00am | Messy Zoom worship (see pg 2 for how to join) | |
| Mon 6 th | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |
| | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer | |
| | 4.45 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom (contact Katrina) | |
| Tue 7 th | 8.00 pm | Monday Lent Group via Zoom (contact Emma) | |
| | <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i> | | |
| | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer | |
| Wed 8 th | 4.30 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |
| | 7.30pm | Tuesday Home Group via Zoom (contact Andrew) | |
| | <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> | | |
| Thu 9 th | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> |
| | 10.30 am | Thursday Lent Group via Zoom (contact Katrina) | |
| | 4.30 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |
| Fri 10 th | 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm | Watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane via Zoom | |
| | 9.00 pm | Compline via Zoom | |
| | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer via Zoom | <i>Good Friday</i> |
| Sat 11 th | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer | <i>Holy Saturday</i> |
| Sun 12 th | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |
| | 7.45 am | Morning Prayer | <i>Easter Day</i> |
| | 8.30 am | Simple Easter Eucharist via Zoom | |
| | 9.30 am | Easter Worship via Zoom (see pg 2 for how to join) | |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom | |

***‘Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦
and save me for your mercy’s sake.’***

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Next week’s readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3: 1 –4; John 20: 1-18