



St Mary the Virgin Baldock



“Building with Christ”

Rector's Blog – day 14

Dear Friends

Matthew 26: 1 - 2

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.'

At the beginning of a Holy Week that is like no other, what emotions are going through your mind? Some will be worried, either for themselves or for someone else. Others will be concerned about how they are going to manage financially. Still others will be feeling frustrated and trying to repress desires to quietly break the rules and visit their family, or drive off on a non-essential visit ("After all what harm can it do?") And others will be beginning to feel a leaden weight settling on them as the days of isolation stretch into weeks and months and there is no end in sight.

It is an extraordinary truth that Jesus felt all these emotions too. Feel the foreboding in the two short verses above. Jesus is in Jerusalem. It is Tuesday in Holy Week. He has set the unstoppable train of events in motion. They are imminent but still in the future, Do you get the feeling he is terrified? As you share your worries, or depression or frustration with God, wonder at a Creator God who has not only given us the capacity to feel emotion (both positive and negative), but also feels them himself.

Here is a **prayer of St Benedict** that might speak in these situations

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

And here is a picture of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane which (at least for me) betrays any of the same emotions.



If you would like to join us for Zoom **Evening prayer today (Tuesday) it is at 4.30pm**. Here is the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/717132926?pwd=WUJwcFNFQ1o3WU9KNII4RWgxM05sUT09>

Meeting ID: 717 132 926

Password: 000473

Every blessing

Andrew



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Times for Morning and Evening Prayer for the rest of the week are as follows:

Wednesday 8.40am (see further down for link) and 5pm
Maundy Thursday 4.30pm
Good Friday 9am and 5pm
Holy Saturday 5pm
Easter Day 6pm

We also have other special worship for Maundy Thursday and Easter Day (and Home Groups). See the pew leaflet or other mailings coming out in a day or two.

Wednesday Morning Prayer at 8.40am

Andrew Holford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Andrew Holford's Zoom Meeting
Time: Apr 8, 2020 08:40 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/636628759?pwd=UVhMRIhhd1p0aDEvK25CYUICVnJIUT09>

Meeting ID: 636 628 759
Password: 021491