



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



**“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**To worship with us on Sunday morning at 9.30am or at Messy Zoom at 11am, copy the link below into your browser:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85712424517?pwd=eGpUN2k0YTB6S1hlcWM2TDE2dmsrZz09>

**Meeting ID: 857 1242 4517**

**Password: 832111**



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DIAL ONE OF THESE NUMBERS: 0203 481 5240  
or 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237.  
You will need the meeting ID and password**

**WORDS FOR THE HYMNS FOR 9.30AM ZOOM WILL BE IN THE CHAT SECTION OF THE SCREEN OR YOU CAN PRINT THEM OUT BEFOREHAND.**

**It's a really good way of feeling part of the St Mary's Christian community. If you need help connecting, contact Andrew.**

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

**To join us for Zoom Sunday Evening Prayer at 6pm use this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85638217175?pwd=elZaNFZEZys1MXhZaWovWGRDaE82dz09>

**Meeting ID: 856 3821 7175**

**Password: 756888**

Following the latest directions from the Archbishop, 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.

*Morning Prayer each day will now take place in church. Sadly it will still need to be private and not open to other people to join.*

We say 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.

Our Home Groups are still operating, Monday evening at 8pm Tuesday evening at 7.30pm and Thursday morning at 10.30am. See Week at a Glance for dates this week. And our young people meet each Sunday evening for a Zoom session. Get in touch for more details.

*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.*

Free resources for prayer are available on our website [www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk](http://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](mailto:baldockcs0@gmail.com) if you know someone who is housebound and needs support or if you need practical support during the crisis.

Call 01462 896273 or email [2008luddite@gmail.com](mailto:2008luddite@gmail.com) to speak to the Rector, Andrew Holford.

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

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## **Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

### **Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! Hymn 255 (vv 1,5,6,7,8)**

Hail the day that sees him rise, *alleluia!*  
to his throne above the skies; *alleluia!*  
Christ the Lamb, for sinners giv'n, *alleluia!*  
enters now the highest heav'n. *alleluia!*

See, he lifts his hands above; *alleluia!*  
See, he shows the prints of love: *alleluia!*  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, *alleluia!*  
blessings on his Church below. *alleluia!*

Still for us he intercedes; *alleluia!*  
his prevailing death he pleads, *alleluia!*  
near himself prepares our place, *alleluia!*  
he the first-fruits of our race. *alleluia!*

Lord, though parted from our sight, *alleluia!*  
far above the starry height, *alleluia!*  
grant our hearts may thither rise, *alleluia!*  
seeking thee above the skies. *alleluia!*

Ever upward let us move, *alleluia!*  
wafted on the wings of love, *alleluia!*  
looking when our Lord shall come, *alleluia!*  
longing, sighing after home. *alleluia!*

## **The Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## **The New Testament Reading      Acts 1: 6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-end**

1      Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦  
let those that hate him flee before him.

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2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦  
as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦  
let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the  
Lord of Sinai, ♦  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your people came to dwell there; ♦  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦  
make music in praise of the Lord;

33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦  
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦  
whose power is above the clouds.

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦  
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!  
Blessed be God.

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## **The New Testament Reading      1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a

roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Gospel John 17, 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## Prayers

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,  
drawing humanity into the life of God,  
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,  
surround with your saints and angels  
those who have died trusting your promises ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...  
Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Brewery Lane, Pond Lane, Church Street, The Gardens, Mulberry Ct, Vintage Ct

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, Stephen Cooper,  
Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton, Christine Roderick, Liz Smith,  
Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Martyn Gray,  
Pat Kilbride.

Those who have died recently:

Christopher Martin, Kirsty Robinson, Lionel Elliston, Carol Cranmer.

At the anniversary of their death:

Ted Winter, Rose Arbury, Jim Dungey

## **Final Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name - Hymn 16 (vv1, 3,4,5,6)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.*

O prophets faithful to his word,  
in matters great and small,  
who made his voice of justice heard,  
*now crown him ...*

All sinners, now redeemed by grace,  
who heard your Saviour's call,  
now robed in light before his face,  
*O crown him ...*

Let every tribe and every race  
who heard the freedom call,  
in liberation, see Christ's face.  
*and crown him ...*

Let every people, every tongue  
to him their heart enthral;  
lift high the universal song  
*and crown him ...*

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### Hidden Humour

#### **What did the escalator say to the elevator?**

Nothing, he just staired.

#### **Impact of Coronavirus on charities (a short video about finances in the diocese)**

One of the outworkings that has resulted from the Corona crisis is that charities are struggling because donations have dramatically dropped. Here at St Mary's we have postponed our planned giving renewal and are just about holding our head above water. **The Bishop of St Albans has released a short video about finances in the diocese** (where the majority of our fundraising goes, to pay for clergy and church resources). I encourage you to watch it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li1GRsatL3s&feature=youtu.be>

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.15 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	11.00 am Messy Church via Zoom
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
	<i>The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735</i>
	8.00 pm Monday Home Group via Zoom (contact Emma)
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Augustine, archbishop, 605</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906</i>
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom (contact Katrina)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Pentecost</i>
	8.15 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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**Eco Tip for 7th Sunday of Easter:** There is still time to plant sunflowers and other annual flowers to provide food for our all-important bees and other pollinators - and to lift people's spirits when they see bright flowers - could you transform a corner of a garden or window box?

Next week's readings: Acts 2: 1-21, Psalm 104:26-36, 37b, 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13, John 20:19-23