



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sunday 31st May 2020
Pentecost**

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/82321866502?pwd=TzVQMVZXdkV6SGt6MmpmTFM5dm9rZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 2186 6502

Password: 928168

You can also join the worship using a landline. 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/83621999232?pwd=QkE4cTZJRHRWcjdmeWZoUUIWYzIYQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 2199 9232

Password: 687941

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,
(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.

Call 01462 896273 or email 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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Come down, O Love Divine (Hymn 114)

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light

shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

The Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and

proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

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26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you ♦
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.

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The New Testament Reading I Corinthians 12: 3b-13

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Gospel John 7: 37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Prayers

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love,
wherever you call us.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church,
living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us.
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room.
In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Open spaces and footpaths, and all new build and converted properties.

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,

Those who have died recently:

Christopher Martin, Kirsty Robinson, Lionel Elliston

At the anniversary of their death:

Erling Hoeg, Mary Eastwick, Frank Lawton, Mavis White, Andy Crombie,
Joan Walker, Gwen Craft

Final Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of grace and God of glory (Hymn 225)

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
as we set your people free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee!



Wear something red this Sunday for Pentecost
As it is Pentecost, you are invited to wear something
RED at the service this Sunday at 9.30am via Zoom.

Hidden Humour

It was testimony time at the church stewardship committee meeting.

“I’m very rich,” one man said. “I am very rich because God has blessed me. I am rich because when I was a young man, with only £1 in my pocket, I heard an address by a missionary. The Spirit told me to give everything I had to that missionary. So I gave that pound.”

A fellow committee member tapped him on the shoulder. “I dare you to do it again,” she said.

The next Community Sponsorship Team Meeting will be on Zoom on Sunday 7th June at 4.30pm. The link is:

Topic: Community Sponsorship Zoom Team Meeting

Time: Jun 7, 2020 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86078870542?pwd=Wlcrb0FxVk9uSTg4eGVZMk3NjB4UT09>

Meeting ID: 860 7887 0542

Password: 334201

The next Tuesday Home group will be on Zoom on Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30pm. Join us for fellowship, prayer and the chance to think about a bible passage. The link is:

Topic: Tuesday Home Group on Zoom

Time: Jun 2, 2020 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82449595264?pwd=OU5vQ3czTWVsSkVVCVFFcXBFWmtWUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 4959 5264

Password: 233310

Please update your Zoom account (if prompted!)

If you are using a version of Zoom which prompts you to update, please do so. The older versions will apparently be discontinued in a few weeks. If you are not prompted to update it, you need not worry!



Sat 13th June at 10am: Zoom coffee morning.

Zoom in with a coffee for a chat with whoever else turns up.

All welcome.

Topic: Coffee and Chat on a Saturday Morning

Time: Jun 13, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74260493986?pwd=bE9zZkUxL3ZobWxUMVpORlplUUloZz09>

Meeting ID: 742 6049 3986

Password: 130620

Eco Tip for Pentecost Sunday: Making your outside space more wild bird friendly is of benefit to the eco systems which we are part of. Why not put a shallow container of water out every day so that birds and their young get enough to drink and somewhere to bathe (always a sight to make you smile!)



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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| Sun 31 st | <i>Pentecost</i> | |
| | 8.15 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Worship via Zoom |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |
| Mon 1 st | <i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i> | |
| June | 4.15 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom (contact Katrina) |
| | 8.00 pm | Monday Home Group via Zoom (contact Emma) |
| Tue 2 nd | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 4.30 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |
| | 7.30 pm | Tuesday Home Group via Zoom (see details on this pewsheet) |
| Wed 3 rd | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |
| Thu 4 th | 8.40 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 4.30 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |
| Fri 5 th | <i>Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754</i> | |
| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom (contact Katrina) |
| Sat 6 th | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 5.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |
| Sun 7 th | <i>Trinity Sunday</i> | |
| | 8.15 am | Morning Prayer in church |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Worship via Zoom |
| | 11.00 am | Messy Zoom Worship |
| | 4.30 pm | Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Zoom |
| | 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer via Zoom |

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.”

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Next week's readings:

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-20