



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Sunday 21st June 2020
Second Sunday after Trinity

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86453450930?pwd=TCtjYTc1d1JFdDJJMVFUOUxINU1udz09>

Meeting ID: 864 5345 0930

Password: 450049

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/83161764161?pwd=L3g2K2dGdGtSeXlQS01nYkMyVVFhQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 6176 4161

Password: 073392

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
FROM 9.30am to 3.30pm EVERY DAY.**

Do pop in. Please sanitise your hands on the way in and out and follow the one-way system, sitting only on the front row of pews in the main aisle.

WE CLEAN THE AREA BEING USED DAILY. IF YOU ARE NOT IN A VULNERABLE GROUP OR SHIELDING, COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO GO ON A ROTA OF CLEANERS? (you will be required for less than 1 hour once a fortnight)

Morning Prayer each day takes 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 in church 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

Hymn: He who would valiant be (Hymn 281)

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,

Let him in constancy follow the Master.

There's no discouragement shall make him once relent

His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is,
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

The Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

NOT USED AT 9.30am ZOOM WORSHIP

The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 20: 7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69: 8 – 11, 18 – 20

NOT USED AT 9.30am
ZOOM WORSHIP

8 For your sake have I suffered reproach; ♦
shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my kindred, ♦
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; ♦
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, ♦
but that was turned to my reproach.

18 Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; ♦
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.

19 Hide not your face from your servant; ♦
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.

20 Draw near to my soul and redeem me; ♦
deliver me because of my enemies.

The New Testament Reading Romans 6: 1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be

uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Prayers

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,
we pray for all Christian people;
for Bishop Alan, for all Christian leaders,
and for those who teach and guard the faith ...
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,
and knit us together in the bond of your love.
Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
and for those in authority under them ...
Give them the gift of your wisdom,
and a right discernment in all things.
Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for our local community of Baldock and Bygrave
for those who live and work here,
and for those who visit this place . . .
Speak your word of peace in our midst,
and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those who do not believe,
and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life ...

Open their ears to hear your voice,
and open their hearts to the knowledge
of your love in Christ.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those bowed down with grief,
fear or sickness,
especially ...

May your living Word bring comfort and healing
to all those in need.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the
faith of Christ

and we rejoice with St Mary, St Margaret and all your saints,
trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Lord of life,

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:

Coachmans Lane, Hadrians Way, Hopewell Road, Pepys Way,
Letchworth Road, Burleigh House

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, Stephen Cooper,
Peter Harris, baby Luca Mabert, Oliver Britton, Liz Smith, Anne England,
Martin Reed, Bob Burt, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Martyn Gray, Sally Port, Jean Smith,
Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson.

Those who have recently died:

Margaret Wright.

At the anniversary of their death:

Mary Parry, Gladys Foster, Annie Webb, Olive Hill

Final Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn Praise my soul the King of heaven (Hymn 565)

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

FINANCE

Unsurprisingly the income to the Church has gone down considerably over the last few months (Chris Page thinks it might be as much as £20 000 down by the end of the year.) This has been exacerbated by having to postpone our annual planned giving renewal (which was scheduled for April). Costs have fallen a little bit, but not by anything like the same amount as income. We can survive, but if we do nothing next year might look very different.

Do you use the weekly giving envelopes?

If so, would you like someone to collect them? Or would you be able to BACS the money electronically to the stewardship account? Account no.: 0 7 6 5 6 9 0 8 Sort Code: 3 0 - 9 4 - 3 0?

If you use your envelope number or surname as a reference it will identify you to the Stewardship recorder (and keep your giving anonymous to everyone else). Contact Andy Ball the Stewardship recorder on 637050 for help with any of this. Thank you to all those who are already returning their envelopes whilst the church is shut.

Are you able to make an extra donation to support the work of St Mary's or St Margaret of Antioch at this difficult time?

We appreciate that for some of us, times are especially uncertain. We do not want you to give extra if it is going to cause you or your family extra anxiety. We are very grateful to all who give sacrificially at whatever level.

We are provisionally planning the our planned giving renewal for the end of September (probably linked to the Harvest Festival.)

If you need to reduce your financial giving to the church before this date, please contact Andy Ball, the Stewardship Recorder (637050). We hope and trust that most of us will not be affected in this way and will feel able to prayerfully cover the difference made by those whose incomes have dramatically reduced.

Online Giving:

We now have an on-line giving page! This means that you will now be able to donate online to our church fund.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/cb7c76f9-62cf-4af6-847e-a3380f2938d6>

Clicking on it gives you the option to donate a set amount or an amount of your own choosing (you can also gift-aid any donation).

Bee and Butterfly Garden - can you make it bloom for longer?

Do please help us by deadheading any of the flowers in the bee and butterfly garden in the coming weeks so that the plants continue to produce more flowers and therefore more nectar for our vital local bees, butterflies and moths! (Later in the season we will let them set seeds to produce next year's plants). Many thanks! More info from Katrina.



Eco Tip for 2nd Sunday after Trinity: On Father's Day, ask your father (human or divine) to give you an eco tip that will improve our world's "new normal" after Covid 19. (I would love to hear your thoughts: kmnice2013@gmail.com)



Hidden Humour

In a moment creative inspiration, the owner of the launderette beside the church commissioned this sign for his window: "Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness".

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun 21 st	<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</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 22 nd	<i>Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
	8.00 pm Monday Home Group via Zoom (contact Emma)
Tue 23 rd	<i>Etheldreda, abbess, c.678</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 24 th	<i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thu 25 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Fri 26 th	<i>Ember Day</i>
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom (contact Katrina)
Sat 27 th	<i>Ember Day</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sun 28 th	<i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.15 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Rev'd Canon Andrew Holford: 01462 896273 2008luddite@gmail.com

Lay Minister: Katrina Nice: kmnice2013@gmail.com / 07708 064294

Churchwardens: Phil Charsley (Premises): 01462 895665.

Emma Wilkinson (Safeguarding): 07836 749283

Alex Milne – Hall Hire: alexandra.milne@gmail.com / 01462 490062

Church email: baldockbenefice@gmail.com; Website: www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk

Next week's readings: *Jeremiah 28: 5-9, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18, Romans 6: 12-end, Matthew 10:40-end*