



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

***Sunday 12th July 2020
Fifth Sunday after Trinity***

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 12th JULY

9am Parish Communion at St Mary's

There will be organ music but no singing except for a soloist. We will be ensuring social distancing and hygiene precautions are in place. All welcome but please do not come if you are feeling unwell. We will be keeping a record of who attends to aid track and trace if that should be required. We hope to video the service so people can watch it from the website later.

10.30am Zoom Morning Worship

use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89287865894?pwd=aEVSNFV3QkFaNXRONEpPZXhFR0o0dz09>

Meeting ID: 892 8786 5894

Password: 655970

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88124452518?pwd=Z1htR25UakJZNXBclZaZGhLTE1EUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 2445 2518

Password: 367948

St Mary's Church is OPEN from 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Saturday

St Margaret's Church, Bygrave is OPEN on SUNDAYS from 9am – 6pm

**WE CLEAN ST MARY'S 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)**

You are welcome to join Andrew for Morning or Evening Prayer in church. Most Evening Prayer will still be Zoomed. See Week at a glance to find out what is where and when!

Our Home Groups are 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.

Remember to keep an eye open for those who are still shielding and may need support or friendship

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 352 Jesus is Lord

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM WORSHIP

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
For by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.
Jesus is Lord....

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord....

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65

NOT USED IN ANY OF OUR
SERVICES TODAY

1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

3 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple. **R**

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, ♦
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦
and are girded about with might.

6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; ♦
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **R**

8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦
you make it very plenteous.

9 The river of God is full of water; ♦
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦
and your paths overflow with plenty.

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦
and the hills be girded with joy.

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

The New Testament Reading: Romans 8:1-11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Intercessions

Let us pray to God,
that he will bring to fruition all that he desires
for his creation.
Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us
stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for the creation
and in harmony with one another.
Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have given the human race a rich land,
a land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley,
vines and oil and honey.
We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow.
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,
that they may come to share the life of wholeness
and plenty.
Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

In Christ you call us to a new way of life,
loving our neighbours before ourselves.
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is
as we live in hope and anticipation of the world
as it will be
when your kingdom comes and your will is done.
Thank you for those, living and departed,
who have shown a true respect for your creation ...
Help us to follow in their footsteps,

until, with them, we see you face to face,
where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Arlwood Mews, Riddell Gardens, Simpson Court, Simpson Drive, Thurnall Close,
The Twitchell

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 Crumholt, John Pearson, David Dodds, Rob Muir, Gina Churchyard.

At the anniversary of their death:

May North, Fred Hallums, Roy Bottle, Ron Wright, Elsie Wilkinson, Kate Jones,
Mary Jones, Caroline Murphy

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Hymn 188 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM
WORSHIP

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and ev'ery moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath giv'n,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.

Foodbank update: A big thank you to everyone who has supported the foodbank with donations of money as this has enabled us to support many local people, during the lock down, who have been in need of food. The foodbank continues to help a greater than normal number of people in the town. As from Friday 3rd July we are now in a position to re-open our warehouse and reinstate the issue of food parcels and accept food donations at the distribution centre at St Mary's Church Hall which is open Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 12 noon. All food donations are gratefully received but at this time we are urgently in need of shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls and size 5 & 6 nappies. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Hidden Humour

A farmer is sadly sent to jail for armed robbery, leaving his wife responsible for the farm until he returns. She, though is not the best farmer and writes him a letter in jail. "To my sweet husband, I want to plant the potatoes, but when is the best time to do it?" He responds, "Don't go near that field, that is where I buried all the money from the robbery". The police intercept the letter before it makes it to the farmer's wife and they then dig up the entire field in search of the money. After two days digging, they give up having found nothing. The farmer then writes to his wife again, "Now honey, you can plant the potatoes".

Thursday Home Group via Zoom 16 July 10:30-12noon

Do join in this friendly group as we discuss a bible passage and it's meaning for us today.

This is the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77066519141?pwd=cTJlM3lKOVlVYlhYVE5xSTBQSy9QQT09>

Meeting ID: 770 6651 9141

Password: 5xnuAww

Eco Tip for 5th Sunday after Trinity: Could you use a reusable face mask instead of a disposable one - to prevent so many going to landfill / into our oceans?

The next **Baldock PCC meeting** will be on Monday 20th July at 7.45pm on Zoom

FINANCE

We now have the figures on church giving through stewardship up till 14th June. We are about £2 500 down on the same period last year. If you are outstanding it would be really helpful to know whether you will be able to catch up or your circumstances have changed and you need to reduce your giving.

Would you like someone to collect any outstanding envelopes or donations? 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.

You can also give through our church website (see below Week at a glance for details) or on the online giving page:

<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). So far people have donated nearly £500 through the website and we have had some generous one off donations by cheque and bank transfer. Thank you to you all who support the work of the Church in Baldock and Bygrave. However, we may be down as much as £18 000 by the end of the year. 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.

If you haven't recently done so, 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.) 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.

Church guidelines for Parish Communion Sunday 12th July 9:00am

After many months of church being closed for public worship, this Sunday the church is now open again for public worship. If you plan to come to church, please take note of the following information.

- On arrival, you will be asked to **queue outside** at 2m distance outside the South Porch and will be directed into church by a sidesperson. Whilst waiting, you will be asked if you are happy for your attendance to be recorded in case of the need for track and trace.
- When you enter the building you will need to **sanitize your hands** and will then be **directed to a pew**. You will need to **remain seated in the pew for the service**. Only family bubbles will be able to sit together. All other people must sit at 2m distance from others. Please try to remain facing forwards and avoid face to face contact.
- There will be a collection plate at the door. If putting collection into it, please be careful not to touch the plate.
- **No paper materials will be used**. Everything that you need for the service will be on the screen
- There will be **NO congregational singing** and any responses need to be spoken and not shouted. We will not be sharing the peace.
- **Children must remain in the pew with their parents at all times**. There will be no materials available for them to play with or colour
- When it comes to communion, if you wish to receive the bread you will be directed to the front. Andrew will drop a wafer into your hand. He will be wearing a facemask when doing this. No words will be spoken. **After receiving the bread, it is suggested that you sanitise your hands before returning to your pew**.
- At the end of the service you will be **directed when to leave your pew** and we ask that you **leave the building as quickly as possible**, not hanging around to chat. If you do want to talk to others, please do so once you are outside the building.
- When in the building, please **touch as little as possible**. Please **do not enter any cordoned off areas**.
- Face mask and gloves are not mandatory but please feel free to wear them if you feel more comfortable doing so.
- **If you need the toilet** during the service, please let one of the sidespeople know and they will escort you to the church hall. This will not be open during the service as we need to do our best to ensure the toilets are cleaned after each use in accordance with the guidance.
- The Church of England **strongly discourages anyone who is considered to be at extra risk, clinically extremely vulnerable or over 70 from attending public worship at this time** as they are advised to minimise contact with others outside of their own household. If you are in this group and choose to attend, you do so at your own risk and you **MUST** take extra care to maintain social distance and stay alert for possible risks. For this reason our Zoom worship will be continuing for the foreseeable future.



When attending any service please remember to stay alert and help to prevent the spread of the virus. If you have any symptoms, **please remain at home** and join us on zoom at 10:30. If you develop any symptoms after attending the service, **you must inform us immediately** by email baldockbenefice@gmail.com



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun 12 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayer in church	5 th Sunday after Trinity
	9.00 am	Parish Communion at St Mary's	
	10.30 am	Morning Worship via Zoom	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	
Mon 13 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	
	7.00 pm	United Almshouses Committee Trustees meeting	
	8.00 pm	15 Houses Charity Trustees meeting	
	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group via Zoom (contact Emma)	
Tue 14 th		<i>John Keble, priest, poet, 1866</i>	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	
Wed 15 th		<i>Swithun, bishop, c.862</i>	
	8.40 am	Morning Prayer in Zoom	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer in church and also via Zoom	
Thu 16 th	8.40 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	10.30 am	Thursday Home Group (see pewsheet notice)	
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	
Fri 17 th	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	
Sat 18 th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer in church and also via Zoom	
Sun 19 th		6 th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	9.00 am	Parish Communion at St Mary's	
	10.30 am	Morning Worship via Zoom	
	11.30 am	Messy Zoom Worship	
	4.30 pm	Community Sponsorship Team meeting	
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer via Zoom	

Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

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Next week's readings: *Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9,15-end, Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14:13-21*