



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



**“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”**

***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Seventh Sunday after Trinity***

# **WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY**

## **9am Parish Communion at St Mary's**

There will be organ music but no singing. 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 will be video the service so you can watch it from the website later.

## **10.30am Zoom Morning Worship** use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86278175051?pwd=eENaVOIRSmJFT2RpUjNQeDZFTVpxZz09>

**Meeting ID: 862 7817 5051**

**Passcode: 112095**

## **6pm Zoom Evening Prayer** use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83415808283?pwd=allkc0dpZkRyaWRtWlpKR3NIYIZKQT09>

**Meeting ID: 834 1580 8283**

**Passcode: 895904**

We are delighted that Sunday Parish Communion is now being videoed so you can watch it if you cannot get there. It is available on our website [www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk) Scroll down towards the bottom of the page and click on the words Parish Communion 12th July 2020 on the right hand side (19<sup>th</sup> will be available late Sunday evening). Then click on [Parish Communion Sunday 12th July 2020](#) (or the current Sunday) on the page that appears. Give it a go and let us have your feedback. Many thanks to the team of people who will be videoing.



**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 on 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 470 Now is eternal life**

Now is eternal life,  
if ris'n with Christ we stand,  
in him to life reborn,  
and held within his hand;  
no more we fear death's ancient dread,  
in Christ arisen from the dead.

And God, the living God,  
stooped down to share our state;  
by death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,  
reign thou within my heart;  
from thee nor depth nor height,  
nor life nor death can part;  
my life is hid in God with thee,  
now and through all eternity.

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Thee will I love and serve  
now in time's passing day;  
thy hand shall hold me fast  
when time is done away,  
in God's unknown eternal spheres  
to serve him through eternal years.

### **The Collect**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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### **The Old Testament Reading     I Kings 3: 5-12**

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

### **Psalm 119: 129 - 136**

129 Your testimonies are wonderful; ♦  
therefore my soul keeps them.

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130 The opening of your word gives light; ♦  
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath, ♦  
as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, ♦  
as is your way with those who love your name.

133 Order my steps by your word, ♦  
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors ♦  
so that I may keep your commandments.

135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant ♦  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of water, ♦  
because the wicked do not keep your law.

### **The New Testament Reading Romans 8: 26-end**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup> Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' <sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

### Prayers

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them,  
and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty  
to work openly for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship,  
failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us..**

**Amen.**

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Aldridge Court, Jackson Street, Orchard Road, Meeting House Lane, Mulberry Court,  
Vintage Court

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, Jean Smith, Ron  
Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dodds, Karen Kynman.

Those who have recently died:

Peter Cranmer, Gina Churchyard.

At the anniversary of their death:

Margaret Woods, Edith Holehouse, Ernest Stevenson

### **Post Communion prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

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### **Hymn 474 Now thank we all our God**

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**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.



Please say some special prayers for Emma this week. After a long period of discernment, she is being interviewed on Friday by a Bishops Advisory Panel with a view to starting training for ordination in September.

### **Hidden Humour**

**A Sunday School teacher was struggling** to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember. Finally, she went to the vicar's study and asked for help.

The vicar came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment, and then he looked serenely heavenward while his lips moved silently. Suddenly he looked back at the lock and quickly turned to the final number, opening the lock.

The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, vicar," she said.

"It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

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

All are welcome to join in this friendly group as we discuss a bible passage and its meaning for us today. This is the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71334548570?pwd=bn1EbThQMlZOUFI5dWU2l1WU1BQT09>

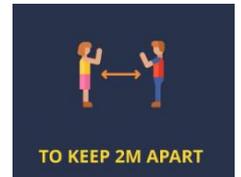
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**Eco Tip for Trinity 7:** Let's become more aware of and grateful for water in this country and start using it as a precious resource - use washing up water to give your plants a top up, use a bucket rather than hose for washing your car & install water butts (your plants will appreciate rain water more than tap water anyway!)

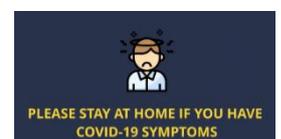
## Church guidelines for Parish Communion

After many months of church being closed, 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](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com)



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00 am Parish Communion in church
	10.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<u>8.30 am</u> Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
	8.00 pm Monday Home Group via Zoom (contact Emma)
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Holy Communion
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer in church and also via Zoom
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Wilberforce, social reformer</i>
	<i>Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	10.30 am Thursday Home Group (see pewsheets for Zoom details)
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer in church and also via Zoom
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>
	9.00 am Parish Communion in church (Elizabeth Bunker)
	10.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	11.30 am Messy Church Zoom

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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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