



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



"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"

**Sunday 5th July 2020
Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 5th JULY

please note timings as these have changed

9am Parish Communion at St Mary's

This will be the first communion service in church since March! 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. We hope the bells will be ringing.

10.30am Zoom Morning Worship use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85610522467?pwd=bW9EdndnYlJQTE9FMkdaYy9RKzVWdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 1052 2467

Password: 521293

11.30am Messy Zoom



use the link above

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88124452518?pwd=Z1htR25UakJZNlBclZaZGhLTE1EUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 2445 2518

Password: 367948

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Some Evening Prayer will still be Zoomed. See Week at a glance to find out what is
where and when!*

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

The churches are at present open for private prayer only.

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)

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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 727: What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to him in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM
WORSHIP

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord 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 IN ANY OF OUR
SERVICES TODAY

The Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

USED AT 9am BUT NOT USED
AT 10.30am ZOOM WORSHIP

Psalm 145: I will bless your name forever

I will bless your name forever, my God and king.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise: his glory is past searching out. Men shall recount the might of your deeds: and proclaim your majesty.

The Lord loves all that he has made: his mercy is over all his works. All your works speak your praise: and your people give you thanks.

Your right hand raises those that fall: and those bowed down are lifted up. All creatures wait on you for food: and from your hand their wants are filled.

The Lord is near to those who call: he hears their cry and brings them help. My mouth shall tell the praise of God: and let all flesh his name adore.

The New Testament Reading Romans 7: 15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Prayers

We pray for God's grace.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for ... (*new Christians, the Church*)
Make our hearts respond to your love.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*the world, society, the local community*)
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for ... (*people in need, Christian service*)
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.
Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for ...
Make our voices one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.

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:
Aleyn Way, Constantine Place, Merchants Walk, Wallington Road

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, David Dodds.

Those who have recently died:

Linda Catling

At the anniversary of their death:

Norman Guest, Brian Archer, Peter Smith, Baby Lily-Faye Beedell, Paul Hailey,
Bill Mitchell

Final Prayer (Post Communion at 9am)

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 12: Alleluia, sing to Jesus.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
Come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM
WORSHIP

Alleluia, King eternal,
He the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia, born of Mary,
Earth his footstool, heav'n his throne:
He within the veil has entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
He on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Eco Tip for 4th Sunday after Trinity: As local shops and markets open up more, try and buy locally grown in season produce and flowers (and grow your own!) - it reduces our carbon footprint and increases resilience in times of pandemics.

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).

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.

Missions update: At our latest meeting we decided to use most of our funds to support war-torn Yemen through Christian Aid. We shared the remainder between two charities: North Herts Homestart and Foodbank. Missions Committee.

Hidden Humour

This is no yolk

A man walks into a bar with a fried egg on his head.

The bartender asks, "Why have you got a fried egg on your head?"

The man replies, "Because boiled eggs fall off

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

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.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this message. If you haven't yet, but keep meaning to(!), please can you do so soon as it will help inform financial planning decisions we will discuss over the next few weeks.

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.

Church Re-opening for Parish Communion Sunday 5th July 9:00am

After many months of church being closed for public worship, this Sunday we will be opening again for Parish Communion for the first time. 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 5 th	<i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	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 Church via Zoom
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Mon 6 th	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 7 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 8 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Holy Communion
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer in church
Thu 9 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Fri 10 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.45 pm Funeral of Linda Catling RIP
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer in church
Sat 11 th	<i>Benedict, abbot, c.550</i>
Sun 12 th	<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00 am Parish Communion at St Mary's
	10.30 am Morning Worship via Zoom
	11.00 am Parish Communion at Bygrave (timing TBC)
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. And I will give you rest.

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Next week's readings: *Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*