



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sunday 23rd August 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

9am Parish Communion at St Mary's

There will be organ music but no congregational singing. We ensure social distancing and hygiene precautions are in place. All welcome but please do not come if you feel unwell. We keep a record of who attends to aid track and trace if that should be required.

10.30am Zoom Morning Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81903430501?pwd=V3kyRlk3eUxibVVSNHbk2p2RkpjUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 0343 0501

Passcode: 501661

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219595968?pwd=SnRzajh5VE1UVTVST0lWT3Z0L2lWQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 1959 5968

Passcode: 505227

Moring Prayer and some Evening Prayer are in church.

Most Evening Prayer will still be Zoomed.

See Week at a glance to find out what is where and when!

You are warmly invited to join us!

IMPORTANT - Compulsory Face Coverings

Face coverings are mandatory on public transport and in a range of indoor venues including places of worship and church halls. Whilst there are exemptions, this is a legal requirement

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 88 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

The Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM WORSHIP

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

USED AT BOTH SERVICES TODAY

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138 (from 'Songs for the Holy One')

USED AT 9am PARISH
COMMUNION

Great is the Holy One's glory

Holy One, with all my heart I thank you and sing to you before the divine assembly.

I bow down to your holy temple.

I praise your name because you are loving and faithful, and have magnified your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered and empowered my very soul.

Great is the Holy One's glory

All rulers of the world praise you, Holy One, for they have heard the words you speak.

They sing of your ways,

“Great is the Holy One's glory!”

You are highly exalted, yet you watch over the poor and are aware of the proud from far away.

Great is the Holy One's glory

When I come upon scoundrels, you enliven me to face the enemies' fury, stretching out your hand, saving me with your right hand.

You will avenge me! O Holy One, your faithful love is eternal; do not desert what your hands have made!

The New Testament Reading Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Prayers

We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God.

May our love for our brothers and sisters

be strengthened by your grace.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts,
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine
as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have called us to be the Bride,
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast,
where we will be united with you for ever.
Jesus, Lord of the Church,
**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:
Eagle Court, Farriers Close, Lavender Court, Gates Court, Sauvignes Court,
Bowmans Green

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, Tracy Smith, Andy Ball.

Those who have recently died:
Marilyn Goodhew

At the anniversary of their death:
Angela Hunter, Norah Butler, Anne Lewis, Minnie Charter

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

USED AT 10.30am ZOOM WORSHIP

Hymn 636: The Church's one foundation

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union
with the God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord,
give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

I am delighted (but not at all surprised) to announce that after a period of discernment and a Bishop's Advisory Panel series of interviews, Emma Wilkinson has been recommended for training for ordination. **Congratulations Emma** and please be assured of our continued prayers and support. It is especially good news for us (and I hope for Emma) that she will be doing a large amount of her training in this benefice.

We have been **publishing intercessions** each week in this pew leaflet. Do you find these helpful or are you better using your own prayers or those used in our Zoom or Church worship? If you would like prayers in this pew leaflet to continue, please let Andrew know in the next fortnight or so. Did you also know that our intercessions are now uploaded onto the website each week so if you miss a service or would like to read the intercessions at a later date, you can now do so.

Have you looked at the videos of worship at St Mary's on the website? It would be really helpful to know how many of the Baldock Benefice Church family have done so, and whether you find them helpful. This will help us make decisions about how to make them even better in the future.

Eco Tip for Trinity II: If you end up buying fruit / veg in those coloured plastic nets, try reusing them by taking off the label and stuffing several into one, finally turning it in on itself - it will make a very good scourer and you have at least postponed their trip to landfill.

Pattern of Sunday Worship starting from September 6th

8am Morning Prayer in St Mary's

9am Parish Communion with choir (but no congregational singing) at St Mary's

10.15am **Fifteen minutes earlier** Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am (Second Sunday) Bygrave Family Worship (starting October 11th)
(Fourth Sunday) Bygrave Parish Communion

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Please note that there is a one-off Bygrave Family Worship on Saturday 19th September (details below)



*Messy Families and Junior Church: We are still consulting on the way to go and are planning a **Messy and Junior Church picnic on Sunday 6th Sept at 12pm** in the churchyard as a chance to get together and seek your views. We have some exciting ideas and want to know what you think! Bring your own food!!! More details soon.*



There will be no Messy Zoom on August 30th but see above information about the picnic the week after.



Bygrave Family Worship are also having a picnic and games (once again, bring your own food), on Saturday 19th September at 12pm. We will talk about how the Bygrave Family Worship might work and seek your views on what you would like for your families.

Forthcoming Meetings: The next **Community Sponsorship Team** meeting is on Sunday 30th August at 4.30pm

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12: 9-end; Matthew 16: 21-end

Mandatory face coverings in places of worship

In England, from 8 August, face coverings are required by law to be worn in a greater number of public indoor settings including places of worship (including church halls), museums, galleries, cinemas and public libraries.

There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups not to wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, **those who are leading services** or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by **reading, preaching, or leading prayer**) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. distributing consumables).

These exemptions are made to enable communication, particularly with those who rely on lipreading, facial expressions or clear sound; they do not exempt clergy and other leaders from wearing face coverings in other situations or during other activities. This exemption does not apply to worshippers, who should wear face coverings consistent with the requirements for any other public space.

A Very Different Bike 'n Hike 2020 – Saturday 12th September 2020

Are you a cyclist or a walker and would you like to raise money for our church? The annual Sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* organised by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust will be held on Saturday 12th September, only this year it will be a **very different** Bike 'n Hike, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic - more details can be found here: <http://www.b-n-h.co.uk/pdf-file/BH18-2020-covid-bikenhike-leaflet.pdf>

If you would like to take part, please contact Alex (baldockbenefice@gmail.com)

Retreat bursaries for NHS staff – There are a number of bursaries available to NHS staff and care-workers as a ‘thank you’, to make a retreat at any of the APR Retreat Houses across the UK by April 2021. Full details about how the scheme works, and how to apply, can be found on the **Bursary page** of their website:

<http://www.promotingretreats.org/nhs-bursaries/>

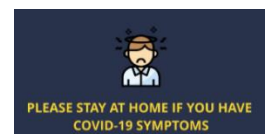
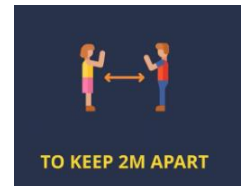
Hidden Humour

A man was meditating by the river. One morning he saw a scorpion floating on the water. When the scorpion drifted near the old man he reached to rescue it but was stung by the scorpion. A bit later he tried again and was stung again, the bite swelling his hand painfully and giving him much pain. A man passing by saw what was happening and yelled at the meditator, “Hey old man, what’s wrong with you? Only a fool would risk his life for the sake of an ugly, evil creature. Don’t you know you could kill yourself trying to save that ungrateful scorpion?” The old man calmly replied, “My friend, just because it is the scorpion’s nature to sting, that does not change my nature to save.”...

Information for attending services at St Mary's Church

After many months of church being closed for public worship, we are now open for services. If you plan to come to church, please take note of the following information.

- On arrival, please **queue outside** the South Porch at 2m distance until 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
- On entering the building, please **sanitize your hands** and you 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 in a pew where there is a green tick. 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**. All required words 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
- If you wish to receive communion in one kind only, you will be directed to the front. A wafer will be dropped into your hand. The Priest will be wearing a facemask. 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**. If you do want to chat 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**.
- In light of government directives, **face coverings MUST be worn by all those attending a place of worship**; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus (COVID-19) and that **they are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing**.
- **If you need the toilet** during the service, please let one of the sidespeople know and they will escort you to the church hall so that the toilets can be 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. For this reason our Zoom worship will be continuing for the foreseeable future at 10:30am.



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**. If you develop any symptoms after attending the service, **you must inform us immediately** by email baldockbenefice@gmail.com

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun 23 rd	<i>11th 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 24 th	<i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Tue 25 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	4.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Wed 26 th	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30 am Holy Communion
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Thu 27 th	<i>Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387</i>
	8.40 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Fri 28 th	<i>Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith</i>
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
Sat 29 th	<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
	9.30 am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom and in church
Sun 30 th	<i>12th 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
	4.30 pm Community Sponsorship Team Meeting
	6.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

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Zoom codes for Worship this week

Sunday codes are on the front of this sheet

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Monday

Time: Aug 24, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658519539?pwd=eFpDWnZDTGdIKzhOM24raFVJTjQ1QT09>

Meeting ID: 886 5851 9539

Passcode: 429739

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Tuesday

Time: Aug 25, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409002772?pwd=aFZ3U2Z0TTBMY2l4Q2dOZIB4b1FOU09>

Meeting ID: 824 0900 2772

Passcode: 352689

Topic: **Zoom Evening Prayer on Wednesday**

Time: Aug 26, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89475032017?pwd=ZWxsT3hxeXJ5VXBDbGxCS3VXU2J5dz09>

Meeting ID: 894 7503 2017

Passcode: 626495

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Thursday

Time: Aug 27, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85324968247?pwd=azVktW5OaER5dDZqNC9RTDFqUkdGZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 2496 8247

Passcode: 452188

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Friday

Time: Aug 28, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88618103666?pwd=WC9uODk0emFhUnNEOXNnUG5sM3FVUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1810 3666

Passcode: 893260

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on Saturday

Time: Aug 29, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89737898719?pwd=dHB3amRLTFVsYUp6MThJR2hvWndMUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 3789 8719

Passcode: 683799

Next Sunday's codes will be on next week's pew sheet.