



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

***Sunday 30th August 2020
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity***

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

9am Parish Communion at St Mary’s

There will be organ music but no congregational singing **but we hope the choir will be singing today.** 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. **The bells will be ringing before the service.**

10.30am Zoom Morning Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87566830958?pwd=QUdBWUg4YWpyZkpCRnpPQkh1SE95dz09>

Meeting ID: 875 6683 0958

Passcode: 194998

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117861009?pwd=ZTZLT2tzb3VBa3o4ZjQ4R3BxK0prQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 1786 1009

Passcode: 265127

Pattern of Sunday Worship starting from NEXT SUNDAY 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 (starting September 27th)
 - 6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
- Please note that there is a one-off Bygrave Family Worship picnic on Saturday 19th September (details below)

Remember to keep an eye open for anyone still shielding who may need support or friendship.

*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 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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21

Not used in any of our services today.

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26, verses 1 - 8

Used at 9am Parish Communion

Judge me, Holy One!
I have truly lived by my integrity.
I have trusted you, never wavering.
Examine me, prove me, test my mind and feelings.

(R) Faithful God, may we always serve you with integrity.

Your faithful love is always with me
and I live by your truth.
I never sit with criminals,
nor consort with deceitful people.
I hate the assembly of evildoers,
nor do I consort with the wicked.

(R) Faithful God, may we always serve you with integrity.

I wash my hands in innocence
to process around your altar, Holy One;
to hear the sound of praise
and proclaim all your wonders.
I love the house where you dwell,
the place where your glory abides.

(R) Faithful God, may we always serve you with integrity.

New Testament Reading Romans 12: 9 - end

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

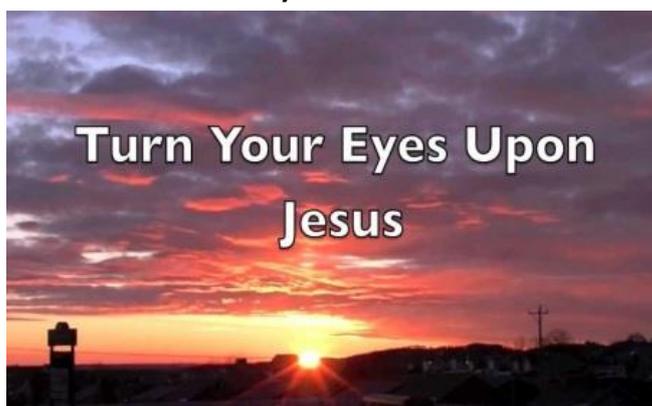
¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Matthew 16: 21 - end

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'



This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Bramley Close; Station Road; Magdalene Court; Clothall Road; Roman Lane

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, Ron Crumpholt,
John Pearson, David Dane, Karen Kynman, Tracy Smith, Andy Ball.

Those who have recently died:

Marilyn Goodhew

At the anniversary of their death:

Kenneth Martin (priest), Anne West, Brendan Commons, Edith King, Phillipa Herring,
Ray Wilsher, Barrie Lunnon, Joan Camp

Post Communion prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn 626: Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the
shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly sin's wild deluge brave,

'twill guide thee to a better home,
it points to glory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in
Three,
all praise forevermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

We are not including weekly suggested intercessions in the pewsheet any more. If you would like a collection of different prayers to use at home, please let Andrew know

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.



*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.*



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114957444?pwd=YzNpSTdJRitDMmRrOVerdGo2SFF6QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 1495 7444

Passcode: 000081

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/>

If you would like to order a lectionary with all the readings in for the next year, please let Alex know in the next 2 weeks

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.

Hidden Humour

A man brought his son to a grocery store, but as soon as they walked in the store the young child began to throw a temper tantrum. While they went down each aisle the child would yell, throw items in and out of the trolley.

Despite the scene his son was causing, the father was cool and collected, slowly and calmly saying, "Don't worry, Donald. It'll be alright, Donald, we'll be home soon."

A nearby mother was very impressed with the father's control, and wanted to express her gratitude for such calm parenting. "Sir, I'm amazed that you are able to be so calm! It's not every day I see such patient and gracious parenting. Now little fellow, what seems to be the problem, Donald?"

"Oh no, you're mistaken!" The father interjected, "This is my son, Henry. I'm Donald!"

Next week's readings: St Mary's Day – Patronal Festival

Revelation 11: 19 – 12: 6, 10; Psalm 45: 10 – end; Galatians 4: 4 – 7; Luke 1: 46 - 55



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 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
	7.00pm Meeting for those videoing the church service
Mon 31 st	BANK HOLIDAY <i>St Aidan, bishop, Missionary, AD651</i> NO EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM TODAY
Tues 1 st	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 2 nd	<u>8.20am</u> Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
	7.00pm Bygrave PCC at Mill Cottage, Manor Farm.
Thurs 3 rd	<i>Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith AD 604</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 4 th	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 5 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer in church and also on Zoom
SUNDAY 6 th	<i>Patronal Festival – St Mary’s Day</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion at St Mary’s
	<u>10.15am</u> Morning Worship on Zoom
	12.00pm Messy Church Picnic and activities in churchyard
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good

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Zoom codes for Worship this week

Sunday codes are on the front of this sheet

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Sep 1, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81090416173?pwd=NnFoRjhYUUwKIR2cEYzNmIDSnROQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 9041 6173

Passcode: 905312

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Sep 2, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89566749738?pwd=cHBLZFRXVINPL2ZuemxzbVWRpYmxwUT09>

Meeting ID: 895 6674 9738

Passcode: 467015

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Sep 3, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89040901601?pwd=c3FET0JrMlNmZUpHMVdVMzBYK0I0dz09>

Meeting ID: 890 4090 1601

Passcode: 037596

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Sep 4, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83685354472?pwd=MkxzMTMvK3JEWVZhKzZ0U2FzNlN3UT09>

Meeting ID: 836 8535 4472

Passcode: 559720

Topic: Zoom Evening Praey on **Saturday**

Time: Sep 5, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89095624617?pwd=SWdNanpablAwQU9SKy9wRFZmTDRxdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 9562 4617

Passcode: 474391

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