



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sunday 13th September 2020
14th Sunday after Trinity**

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

9am Parish Communion

Elizabeth Bunker will be leading our worship today. There will be organ music but no congregational singing. The choir will be singing which adds a whole new dimension to our worship. 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.

10.15am Zoom Morning Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85865137528?pwd=ZjVrV25sMzJKanNTN3pNZjdqMXVYdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528

Passcode: 827152

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047

Passcode: 157709



At **11.15am** next week, **Messy Zoom** returns. Join us for craft, activities, singing, a bible story and some all age prayers. Meaningful worship for all ages!.

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 437 Make me a channel of you peace

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek ...

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Not used in any of
our services today.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, ^[b] fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Used at 9am
Parish Communion

Psalm 103 verses 8-13: The Lord is compassion and love

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long suffering and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is, in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

The New Testament Reading Romans 14:1-12

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Used at both services

The Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Hillcrest, Page Close, Woodland Way, Temple Court, Chiltern Road, Beech Ridge

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Olive Elves, 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:
Graham Chalkley, Maureen Davis.

At the anniversary of their death:
Cyril Keech, John Flack, Leonard Dashwood, Beryl Dungey

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn 144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

○ Sabbath rest by Galilee,
○ calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

Bygrave Family Picnic in Bygrave churchyard

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



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

What's the risk of someone steals a dog and doesn't ask for forgiveness?

He's in danger of suffering eternal dalmatian

Forthcoming Meetings:

Deanery Synod on Thurs 17th September at 8pm

Baldock PCC meeting on Monday 28th September at 7.45pm on Zoom

Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Sunday 18th October at 4.30pm

Planned giving and Church finances

Sunday 27th September is the launch of our planned giving renewal for St Mary's Church. (It is also our Harvest Festival and we will have our usual collections for the Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest appeal). ~As this year's Harvest will be different from all others because of Covid 19, we thought it a good day to focus on the Harvest of the Church – enabling God's Kingdom to grow and to think about our own giving and God's bounty.

As you may remember, this year was always going to be a tough one financially for the St Mary's and the Corona virus has only made things harder.

The latest predictions from Chris Page the treasurer are not as good as we had hoped. The £15 000 projected deficit was assuming that all restrictions would be lifted in the Autumn which, of course, has not and will not happen. A more accurate figure may be nearer £26 000. Sorry to be the transmitter of bad news but it's better to be upfront. And please remember we are no worse off than any other charity and a lot more secure than some. Our giving has not dropped very much (thank you!), it's all the other income that has disappeared.

We are only too aware that because of Covid for some of us will find it impossible to give more than the sacrificial levels they are already contributing and others may well need to be reduce. However for others, there has been little financial impact over the last 6 months and you may well be able to commit to help close the gap. Thank you all for your Christian dedication and compassion.

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](http://www.promotingretreats.org/nhs-bursaries/) of their website:
<http://www.promotingretreats.org/nhs-bursaries/>

For Harvest we are having a collection of tinned and packeted goods for the Foodbank (see Foodbank notice below for general items).

We will also be supporting the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal to support communities around the world in crisis

Eco Tip for Trinity 14: If you want to plant bulbs this autumn to give early food for bees in the spring, please choose crocus, snowdrops, early tulips or grape hyacinths as these produce lots of nectar whereas daffodils unfortunately have been bred to be mainly showy for humans and not so useful for pollinators.

Christian Aid

Due to the virus, we were unable to do our annual envelope collection this year.

Christian Aid are asking for help and if you would like to make a donation please call 020 7523 2269 quoting A035713 or online at: CAID.org.uk/neighbours

Thank you. Missions Committee

Foodbank

The Foodbank would be very grateful to receive donations of Jam/Marmalade, Long Life Fruit Juice and Sponge Puddings. These can be left at the Church Hall when the foodbank is open – Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 12 noon. Thank you.

Copies of **Hazel and Martin Frost’s latest newsletter** are now available.

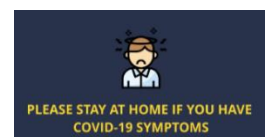
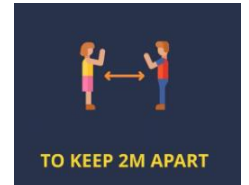
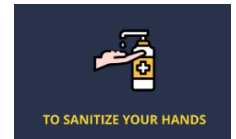
If you would like to order a lectionary with all the readings in for the next year, please let Alex know in the next week.

Next week’s readings: Jonah 3:10- end of 4, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-end, Matthew 20:1-16

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 10:15am.



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

SUNDAY 13 th		<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's (Elizabeth Bunker)
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom (preacher: Elizabeth Bunker)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 14 th		<i>Holy Cross Day</i>
	8.30am	Morning Prayer AT BYGRAVE
	2.00pm	Interment of Eve Haerle at Bygrave
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 15 th		<i>Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	4.00pm	Bereavement visitors' meeting in Rectory garden
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 16 th		<i>Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c432</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
Thurs 17 th		<i>Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod either at Ashwell or on Zoom
Fri 18 th	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 19 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer in church
	12.00pm	Bygrave Family Picnic in Bygrave churchyard with games
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
SUNDAY 20 th		<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's (preacher Katrina Nice)
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom (preacher: Katrina Nice)
	11.15am	Messy Zoom
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

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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: Sep 14, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86139554531?pwd=Y0k3dEhqalFnMVcva2FpSmxBS2pJZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 3955 4531

Passcode: 426801

Topic: Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Sep 15, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84057361051?pwd=aGNGZmRNc2RyUCtsQUhTa0VldlJlVdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5736 1051

Passcode: 697755

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Sep 16, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89111277157?pwd=T3RMMjJmFDNDdVd0dIYSsldWZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 891 1127 7157

Passcode: 844254

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Sep 17, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84754023903?pwd=ako0dIBjVWmIFUDUyS09RRldaS3dTZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 5402 3903

Passcode: 349981

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Sep 18, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83226601347?pwd=bUkwM3VBVVS9hRHlzSWWh2UmIWWVWtjUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 2660 1347

Passcode: 868154

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Saturday**

Time: Sep 19, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83372820072?pwd=MjJ6R0NvRlg4bzJkSng2TnFNSUp5dz09>

Meeting ID: 833 7282 0072

Passcode: 131776

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