



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



"BUILDING WITH CHRIST"

**Sunday 20th September 2020
15th Sunday after Trinity**

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

9am Parish Communion

There will be organ music and it is wonderful that the choir are now able to sing. 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

11.15am Messy Zoom

Join us for craft, activities, singing, a bible story and some all age prayers. Meaningful worship for all ages!

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6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86913147047?pwd=b2lWSTINZW9xT2VqWFM2dG9MUlhMdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047

Passcode: 157709

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.

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

*Morning Prayer and some Evening Prayer are in church.
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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 375 King of glory

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my appeal,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my ardent zeal,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art,
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in Heav'n,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enroll thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

The Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Used at both services

The Old Testament Reading **Jonah 3:10- end of 4**

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. **4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴ And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' ⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalm 145: 1 – 8

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R**

Not used in any of
our services today.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness. **R**

Refrain: Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

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The New Testament Reading Philippians 1:21-end

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Used at both services

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you

standing here idle all day?”⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.”⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Park Street, Drapers Court, 7 Roes Malting, Saddlers Close, Gentle Court

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:

Maureen Davis.

At the anniversary of their death:

Gladys Smith, Victoria Nice, Betty Beech, Anne Dashwood, Bob Thompson

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 195 The servant King

From heav’n you came helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours, ' He said.

This is our God, the Servant King...

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King...

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King...

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

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

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

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end, Psalm 25:1-8, Philippians 2: 1-13,
Matthew 21: 23-32

Harvest, 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**



collection of non-perishable goods for the Food Bank and a financial one for Christian Aid to support communities around

the world in crisis. 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.

We will be distributing letters inviting you to consider regular giving to St Mary's over the next fortnight. PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS LETTER IN A SAFE PLACE TO DEAL WITH LATER!



One of our biggest hurdles is people who mean to respond but never get round to it. The sermon on Sept 27th will help to put it all in context and from the beginning of October a team of 10 volunteers will be contacting you, if you have not already responded, to answer any questions you may have.

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.

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

Q. Why should we be encouraged by the story of Jonah and the whale?

A. Because Jonah was down in the mouth, but came out all right.

Forthcoming Meetings:

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

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

Eco Tip for Trinity 15: If you have a glut of apples, tomatoes, runner beans etc, give some away to friends and neighbours or set up a stall outside your house. This will mean the food will not go to waste, keep things local and boost community spirit.

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.

Delivering stewardship letters: if you can help with delivering envelopes within the Baldock area over the next couple of weeks, we would be really grateful as it saves on postage! Please let Andrew or Alex know if you can help.

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 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	
Mon 21 st	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	
8.40am	Morning Prayer in church	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom	
7.30pm	Planned Giving visitor training on Zoom	
8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)	
Tues 22 nd	8.40am Morning Prayer in church	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	
	7.30pm Planned Giving visitor training on Zoom	
Wed 23 rd	<i>Ember Day</i>	
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church	
	9.30am Holy Communion	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church	
Thurs 24 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church	
	11.00am Osbourne Court Harvest Festival on Zoom	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	
Fri 25 th	<i>Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 626</i>	<i>Ember Day</i>
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom	
Sat 26 th	<i>Ember Day</i>	
	9.30am Morning Prayer in church	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church	
SUNDAY 27 th	<i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
8.00am	Morning Prayer in church	
9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's	
10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom	
11.15am	Parish Communion at Bygrave followed by APCM	
6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom	

The last will be first, and the first will be last.

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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 21, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89917730135?pwd=Yzc5RjQvTzhJR3hWNDJQWmFuWjNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 1773 0135

Passcode: 046077

Topic: Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Sep 22, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83959096583?pwd=UnptK3ZhSC9BUWR5T3J0cUFXNmxaUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 5909 6583

Passcode: 594916

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Sep 23, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86937231771?pwd=ajRMZlYlclc2cVZxRHdzaTVKcG9lQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 3723 1771

Passcode: 100597

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Sep 24, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774676809?pwd=Y2Z2KzZuelV0ckkwdndYaVlVGIUQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 7467 6809

Passcode: 426955

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Sep 25, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82070406028?pwd=aGoxZ0tXU2FDSHJMVXVsNVZQdGtKZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 7040 6028

Passcode: 815849

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Saturday**

Time: Sep 26, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85339572749?pwd=TU4lMGZCTEJqZ2xVWVFXeUJleUd3QT09>

Meeting ID: 853 3957 2749

Passcode: 768410

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