



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

9am

Harvest Festival and 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.

We are collecting non-perishable goods for the Foodbank and there will be a collection for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal which supports the communities most ravaged by climate



change and disaster (see later in this pew sheet).



We will also be considering the Harvest of the Church and inviting you to think about how God may be challenging you to contribute to that Harvest through your planned giving.

10.15am

Harvest Festival and Zoom

Morning Worship

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

Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528

Passcode: 827152

11.15am

Bygrave Parish Communion

There will be organ music 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 service will be followed by a (very short) APCM.

6pm

Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86913147047?pwd=b2lWSTINZW9xT2VqWFM2dG9MUIhMdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047

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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 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 719 We plough the fields

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
he fills the earth with beauty,

by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us ...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food:
accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts;
and what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us ...

The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through 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**

Not used in any of our services today.

Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18 (neither service)

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible

wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65 – All things sing your praise

Used at 9am
Parish Communion

All things sing your praise O God.

Morning and evening are bright with your glory: you visit the earth and bless it with rain. You crown the year with your goodness: and the land overflows with plenty.

All things sing your praise O God.

The hills are girded about with joy: the fields are filled with sheep. The valleys stand so thick with corn: they shout for joy and sing.

All things sing your praise O God.

Used at both services

The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Gospel Luke 12: 16 – 30

Used at both services

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ ²² He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:

Football Close, Icknield Court, Laurel Mews, Pryors Court, Icknield Way East, Icknield Way

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:

Frank and Gwendoline Hooton, David Dodds

At the anniversary of their death:

Frances ‘Pop’ Bourne, Alistair Peters, Margaret Hepburn, Gladys Kingsley, Florrie Ager

Choir Anthem: Now join we, to praise the creator (words: Fred Kaan, b. 1929; music: Paul Bateman, b. 1954)

Now join we , to praise the Creator,
our voices in worship and song;
we stand to recall with thanksgiving
that to God all seasons belong:

We thank you, O Source of all goodness,
for the joy and abundance of crops,
for food that is stored in our larders,
for all we can buy in the shops.

But also of need and starvation
we sing with concern and despair,
of skills that are used for destruction,
of land that is burnt and laid bare.

We cry for the plight of the hungry
while harvests are left on the field,
for orchards neglected and wasting,
for produce from markets withheld.

The song grows in depth and in wideness;
the earth and its people are one.
There can be no thanks without giving,
no word without deeds that are done.

Then teach us, O God of the harvest,
to be humble in all that we claim,
to share what we have with the nations,
to care for the world in your name.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn 184 For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Off'ring up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*



Did you know? The insurance bill for the Church each month totals £576.15, which divided is £455.33 for the church, £120.82 for the hall. That's nearly £19 per day or over £6,900 per year.

The **Tuesday Home Group** is meeting next week at 7.30pm in church for some prayer and a short look at a bible passage. It is then heading to the Orange Tree for some more fellowship. Please let Andrew know if you would like to come.



For Harvest we are having a collection of tinned and packeted goods for the Foodbank and we would appreciate receiving gifts of biscuits, tinned fish, UHT or dried milk, tinned or dried potatoes. We do have large stocks of pasta, soup and beans. These can be brought to church today or left at the Church Hall when the foodbank is open – Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 12 noon. Thank you.

The foodbank are very grateful for all donations and your support. At this time

We will also be supporting the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal to support communities around the world in crisis. Donations can be passed on through Church, or donate direct by going to

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal/church-collection>

Also, 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/neighbors](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/neighbors)

Thank you. Missions Committee

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

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

Eco Tip Trinity 16: As the C of E has committed to becoming net carbon zero by 2030, please come along to a virtual eco-conference to get inspired! It even has a slot on Baldock's churchyard bee garden www.facebook.com/ecochurchcon

Harvest, Planned Giving and Church finances



We are distributing letters inviting you to consider regular giving to St Mary's. 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.



Planned giving renewal after 4 days

Andy Ball, the planned giving officer, is delighted to say that after only 4 days we have already had an extra £170 per month pledged before Gift Aid. That's £2070 for a full year and if Gift Aid is recoverable it comes to £2550. Thank you very much. Please get your response back as soon as possible. Be part of the story!

Next week's readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:9-17, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-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.

Hidden Humour



Everyone had to sit two marrows apart.

We are offering a new 5 session group on Wednesday Evenings on Zoom about the Old Testament, entitled 'A closed book or an open wound?' This group is for those who find the Old Testament confusing and struggle to find it relevant to life today! It examines art, embroidery, music and poetry, politics and human relationship, climate change and Covid 19! It begins on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm. See the enclosed flyer for more information and the Zoom codes.

Baldock PCC meets next Monday 28th September at 7.45pm

The zoom codes are:

Topic: Baldock PCC on Zoom

Time: Sep 28, 2020 07:45 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86341464682?pwd=MVdXWXRxQVFiMGxnVVNNOGtabEIGZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 4146 4682

Passcode: 842700

Thursday Home Group – 1st October at 10.30am. Zoom details below.

All are welcome to join in this friendly group as we discuss a bible passage and its meaning for us today. This is the link:

Topic: Thursday Home Group

Time: Oct 1, 2020 10:30 London

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73183769086?pwd=RmJqWFp3SWZGeXQ3WWRaVGhTQlRIQT09>

Meeting ID: 731 8376 9086

Passcode: nHwKL0

Eco Church online conference – Sat 10th Oct from 10am – 4pm.

We have an excellent line-up of speakers and workshops, and we do hope that you will be able to join us, for all or part of this virtual conference, which is open to all. Please encourage your churches to take part in the day, which has been planned to support and inspire us in 'working together to net zero'.

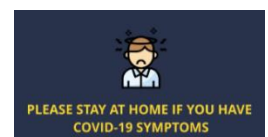
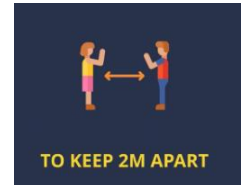
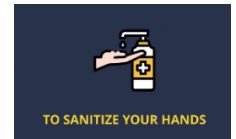
Please register via the link to the eventbrite page. More details and the Eventbrite link are on the attached flyer.

Rachel Johnston (Diocesan Environment Officer)

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

Zoom codes for Worship this week

Sunday codes are on the front of this sheet

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Monday**

Time: Sep 28, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86542854935?pwd=NFQxRDhNL3hITDFwR2lQdzVZbTVmUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4285 4935

Passcode: 331144

Topic: Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Sep 29, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81779125812?pwd=L3U5SC9yVUhlSjZVLIpCejUzNTE4UT09>

Meeting ID: 817 7912 5812

Passcode: 016353

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Sep 30, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81647246800?pwd=cFpMRC96T2ZVdII3QWZ3NGZGaTIGdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 4724 6800

Passcode: 625150

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Oct 1, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87562923437?pwd=M3k0Z3J3NjMwVHpZcmINdmpGMXJiUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 6292 3437

Passcode: 622640

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Oct 2, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87332666847?pwd=Slh4eVMvNit4SIRvZlF6bGFrVTNfZdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 3266 6847

Passcode: 926732

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Saturday**

Time: Oct 3, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85466550403?pwd=aHl2V0Nta0ZMbEdpUS9UM0JNbDdsUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 6655 0403

Passcode: 475222

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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
Mon 28 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.45pm	Baldock PCC on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 29 th		<i>Michael and All Angels</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm	Tuesday Home Group meet in church
Wed 30 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
Thurs 1 st	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
Oct	10.30am	Thursday Home Group (see link on pewsheets)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 2 nd	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 3 rd	9.30am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
SUNDAY 4 th		<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.'
¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth

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