



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



**“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Patronal Festival - St Mary's Day**

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**9am                    Parish Communion for St Mary's Day**

There will be organ music but no congregational singing. **The choir will be singing and introducing a new tune for the Gloria.** 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.**

**10.15am (*15 minutes earlier from today*) Zoom Morning Worship**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85134898942?pwd=cktIZG9xaVYrYWsrHPxRGFtT29zQT09>

**Meeting ID: 851 3489 8942**

**Passcode: 934826**

**12pm**

**Messy Families and Junior Church picnic**

 Join us in the churchyard for a picnic, (socially distanced), some games and a chance to discuss about how to include children in St Mary's life over the next months. We want to seek your views and have some exciting ideas. **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD!! Please let Emma 07836 749283 know if you are coming so we can ensure we adhere to H & S guidelines.**



**6pm**

**Zoom Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81706367719?pwd=ZVh2Nm1qWDcwbjRKZlZNM0VsK3M2Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 817 0636 7719**

**Passcode: 697240**

*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.

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## **Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

### **Hymn 631 Tell out my soul**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
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**

Used at both services

## The New Testament Reading **Revelation 11: 19 – 12: 6, 10**

<sup>19</sup> Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup> And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; <sup>6</sup> and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.'

## Psalm 45 vv.10-17

(R.) Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of love.

Used at 9am  
Parish Communion

Listen, my daughter, hear and ponder my words;  
**forget your own people and your father's home!**  
The king desires your beauty.

**He is your lord. Bow down to him!**

The people of Tyre will come with their gifts;  
**the wealthiest people will court your favour.**

(R.) Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of love.

The royal bride, daughter of a king, is richly clothed with honour, with cloth of gold.

**In her gorgeous robes she is brought to you, O king;  
her maiden friends escort her to you.**

**With joy and gladness they lead her to you, bring her to your palace.**

(R.) *Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of love.*

In place of your parents you shall have sons and make them princes over all the world.

**I, the Holy One, will make your name remembered from generation to generation, and all nations will praise you to all eternity.**

Not used in any of  
our services today.

## **The New Testament Reading Galatians 4: 4 – 7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## **The Gospel Luke 1: 46 - 55**

Used at both services

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Barley Rise, Chauncy Gardens, Maltings Close, Yeomanry Drive, Clothall Corner

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 Chalkey

At the anniversary of their death:

Ernest Bunch, Gladys Butcher, Dick Knightley, Mavis Bottomley, Joseph Carroll,  
Kitty King, Bert Harvey

## **Post Communion**

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Hymn 701 Virgin born**

Virgin-born, we bow before thee;  
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, maid and mother mild,  
blessèd was she in her child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;  
blessèd was the hand that led thee;  
blessèd was the parent's eye  
that watched thy slumbering infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation,  
who brought forth the world's salvation,  
blessèd they for ever blest,  
who love thee most and serve thee best.

Virgin-born we bow before thee;  
blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, maid and mother mild,  
blessèd was she in her child.



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



Bygrave Family Worship are also having a picnic and games (once again, bring your own food), on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **A Very Different Bike 'n Hike 2020 – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com))

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

(Think of the Virgin Mary, on her way to Bethlehem!)

### How many days are there in a month?

Each month has an average of 30-31 days, except the last month of pregnancy, which has 5,489,234.

**Thursday Home Group** - do come along via Zoom at 10:30 to look at a bible passage and discuss what it means for our lives today. The links are:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78900654094?pwd=ODZMQnIrVm5GVHU0UFJmeE45UXVVQT09>

Meeting ID: 789 0065 4094 Passcode: Hsd8F4

### Forthcoming Meetings:

Deanery Synod on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm

Baldock PCC meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm on Zoom

Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm

**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/>

### Connecting to God through prayer walking: Saturday 12 Sept 10:30-11:30

Did you become more aware of the natural world in your lockdown walks and now want to continue that connection? We have much to be thankful for to our creator God and much that passes us by in our busy lives which can calm us or inspire awe and wonder . Join us for a gentle walk through Ivel Springs with stops for prayer along the way, maintaining social distance and with some sections in silence as we experience the natural world around us. Starting outside the Church Hall at 10:30. For more information contact Katrina 07708 064294



## **Planned giving and Church finances**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 o 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 **Good News** is that we thought we were going to have a deficit of £20 000 at the end of 2020s when we first looked at projections last June. Thanks to your committed generosity, this has reduced to £15 000. Please can you pray and consider how you may be able to help this deficit reduce further, or even disappear? Make sure you are at one of our services on Sept 27<sup>th</sup> to hear more.

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, ther 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.

Details of Harvest charitable offerings to support others will appear next week.

**Eco Tip for Trinity 13:** Support your local market stalls now that they are opening up more- boosting small traders, local produce and your local community, as well as saving on travel miles.



## 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](mailto:baldockbenefice@gmail.com)

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

## SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> *Patronal Festival – St Mary's Day*

	8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's
	<b><u>10.15am</u></b>	Morning Worship on Zoom
	12.00pm	Messy Church Picnic and activities in churchyard
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group (contact Emma for details)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Thursday Home Group (see pewsheet for details)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer walk through Ivel Springs (starting at Church Hall)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
SUNDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	
	9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's (Elizabeth Bunker)
	<b><u>10.15am</u></b>	Morning Worship on Zoom (preacher: Elizabeth Bunker)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

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Next week's readings: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14: 1-12,  
Matthew 18: 21-35.

# Zoom codes for Worship this week

**Sunday codes are on the front of this sheet**

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Monday**

Time: Sep 7, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89390240323?pwd=bDBjeDVQdWICTEjkT2tnVmFPMFjpQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 9024 0323

Passcode: 458818

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Topic: Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Sep 8, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81880088939?pwd=WHRrNE4vWjl2enJ6eVI2Qk4vVU4xUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 8008 8939

Passcode: 552534

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Sep 9, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183626672?pwd=UGEExL0ImT0VhUXNwNTZTNFNoZ0ZRUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8362 6672

Passcode: 373987

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Sep 10, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82080128025?pwd=eEp2MGR0MTdtMGxOSzV2MUZnSmNYUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 8012 8025

Passcode: 327380

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Sep 11, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89072478117?pwd=NDhxUXVxSTAwamZ6My96ZIJUmhIQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 7247 8117

Passcode: 545175

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Saturday**

Time: Sep 12, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88989048854?pwd=MmNmduUrMkjwU29BWWFqQmppRThVZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 8904 8854

Passcode: 596707

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