



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Worship on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**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 Family Worship at Bygrave for Harvest**

The first in a new service to include all ages in worship. 45 minutes involving videos, drama and all age prayers and talk .

**6pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

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

**Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047**

**Passcode: 157709**

Latest news on Planned Giving campaign – see page 8

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 isolating who may need support or friendship.

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

*Evening Prayer is Zoomed each day at 5pm.*

*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.*

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

### **Hymn 580                      Rejoice the Lord is king**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;

mortals, give thanks and sing,

and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he has purged our stains,

he took his seat above;

*Lift up your heart ...*

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o'er earth and heav'n;

the keys of death and hell

are to our Jesus giv'n:

*Lift up your heart ...*

He sits at God's right hand

till all his foes submit,

and bow to his command,

and fall beneath his feet:

*Lift up your heart ...*

## **The Collect**

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Not used in any of  
our services today.

## **The Old Testament Reading    Isaiah 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup> the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Not used in any of  
our services today.

**Psalm 23 - See words to hymn 'The Lord's my shepherd' by Stuart Townend on page 5.**

Used at both services

## **The New Testament    Philippians 4: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **The Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14**

Used at both services

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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

Ashwell Road, Wedon Way, Church Lane

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:

David Dodds

At the anniversary of their death:

Alec Page, Juny Dando, Janet Palmer

## **Hymn    The Lord's my shepherd (Stuart Townend)**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone ...*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone ...*

## **Post Communion**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

**Amen**

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### **Forthcoming Meetings:**

Baldock APCM    Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am

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

15 Houses Trustees meeting Tues 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm on Zoom

## APCM Baldock Annual Church Meeting

take place on Zoom on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

October at 11.15am. Papers will be

distributed in the next couple of weeks. If you would like a hard copy, especially if you cannot access the internet, please let Alex know. If you would like to vote in the meeting but cannot access Zoom, please let Andrew Clark know.

# ANNUAL MEETING

The Zoom code will be the same as our 10.15am Morning Worship code on the front of the pew leaflet



We are 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/neighbours

Thank you. Missions Committee



The Food Bank are always grateful for donations: and 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.

**Did you know?** It costs £3,500 for gas and electricity to heat and light the church building each year. The January and February gas bills are in the region of £450 alone per month.



## **Eco Church online conference – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

**EcoChurch!** Your PCC decided on Monday night to join up and work towards the A Rocha scheme's bronze award - there are 5 categories that we have to work in; it's not just about having some flowers for bees in the churchyard so it is quite a challenge!- It's more about actively taking steps to love our neighbour through caring for the whole of creation God has made, human or nature, and that we are intricately bound up with. Join the online EcoConference on 10 Oct for more inspiration or Katrina would love you to bring your ideas and enthusiasm to St Mary's Eco Group!

**Eco Tip for Trinity 18** : Is it time to invest in some blinds or thicker curtains so that you keep your heating bills down and keep as much warmth as possible inside your house?

### **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.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96, I Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22

## Harvest, Planned Giving and Church finances



Have you received your planned Giving letter. **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. A team of 10 volunteers will be contacting you, if you have not already responded, to answer any questions you may have. **Thank you to the increasing number who have already returned their responses.**

*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 projected deficit is over £26 000. **Thankfully due to your generosity and commitment, the deficit is reducing as a result of our planned giving renewal. So far you have committed an extra £10,755 per annum!***

***Please get your response back as soon as possible. Be part of the story!***

*Also 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 reduced. 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.

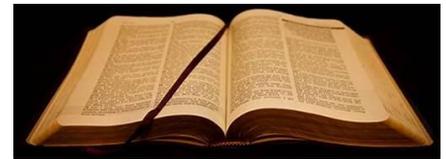


## **Hidden Humour**

**What did Napoleon say when he arrived at the banquet?**

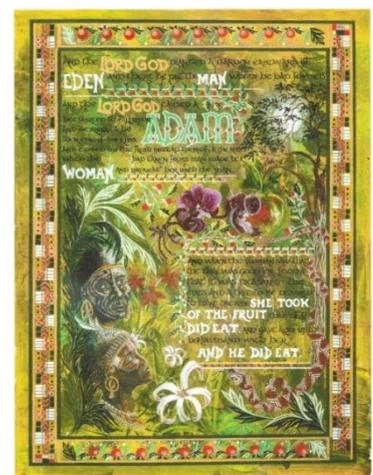
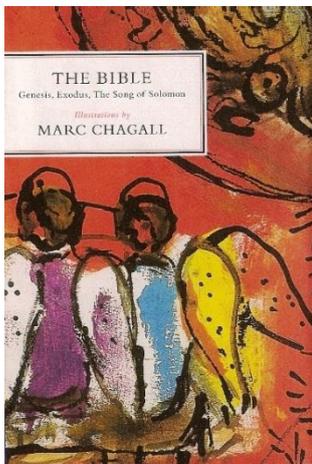
Bon, a partay!

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 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Ask for the flyer if you have not seen it for more information. Here are the details for the second session:



## Session 1 The Patriarchs

- Genesis and Exodus using art and embroidery.
- The Bath Abbey Diptychs and The Bible illustrated by Marc Chagall.



The Zoom codes are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872604917?pwd=VEFvaWV93SFcxQzBjZS84SFVkrRDIWQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7260 4917

Passcode: 812320

**The next Messy Church** will be on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.15am. This will be a 45 minutes session in the hall. Sadly we will not be able to serve a meal but families are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks. There will be craft, activities and some worship and we are basing it round the theme of All Saints' and light. Each bubble will have their own table and we will try to reduce the moving about as much as possible. All welcome, but we will need you to book in before the session. More details soon.



After half term we hope to restart the Junior choir. If you would like to help or think your children might be interested, please let Madeleine Middleton or Andrew know. More details soon.

Very Advance notice! We are planning the Christmas Tree Festival for the weekend of Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. It will, of course be a Tree Festival with a difference because of Covid, but we think it might be one of the best ways to communicate the Christian message of Christmas to many people in the parish so we plan to use it in this way. We also think that the number of large Christmassy events will be severely limited this year so it may well have a lot of take-up. So book the dates in your diary. We'll need a fair amount of support with marshalling etc to preserve distancing and to welcome. And put your thinking hats on to dream up decorations for a tree that you could put in the Festival!

Advance notice of worship till the end of November

Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day Communion at 7.30pm

Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> In Loving memory ... drop in between 3pm – 4pm  
(including prayers, readings and the Book of Remembrance)

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> Advent Festival of Carols

Thursday Home Group –15 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:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79494838143?pwd=dEE0YlZKMmpTV2l6RGRDOWgxKlZLdz09>

Meeting ID: 794 9483 8143

Passcode: 7EMGep

### **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.**

Despite the challenges, we are hoping to go ahead with Operation Christmas Child as usual this year. Boxes are available from church (or you can provide your own shoebox). This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas by giving a present to a child you will never meet who will get very little in the way of Christmas blessings otherwise. It has a tremendous feel-good factor! The leaflet provides full details and enables you to barcode your box so that you know what town and what country your shoebox will have travelled to.



**We need the boxes back by Sunday 8th November at the latest.**

## 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)

# Zoom codes for Worship this week

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

Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Monday**

Time: Oct 12, 2020 05:00 PM London

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

Meeting ID: 865 4285 4935

Passcode: 331144

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Topic: Evening Prayer on **Tuesday**

Time: Oct 13, 2020 05:00 PM London

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

Meeting ID: 817 7912 5812

Passcode: 016353

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Wednesday**

Time: Oct 14, 2020 05:00 PM London

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

Meeting ID: 816 4724 6800

Passcode: 625150

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Thursday**

Time: Oct 15, 2020 05:00 PM London

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

Meeting ID: 875 6292 3437

Passcode: 622640

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Friday**

Time: Oct 16, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87332666847?pwd=Slh4eVMvNit4SIRvZlF6bGFrVTNfDz09>

Meeting ID: 873 3266 6847

Passcode: 926732

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Topic: Zoom Evening Prayer on **Saturday**

Time: Oct 17, 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 11 <sup>th</sup>		<i>18<sup>th</sup> 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	Family Worship at Bygrave
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church <i>Wilfrid, bishop, missionary 709</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Edward the Confessor, king, 1066</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
	7.30pm	The Old Testament (session 2) on Zoom (see details earlier in this leaflet)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	10.30am	Thursday Home Group on Zoom
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	<u>8.45am</u>	Morning Prayer in church <i>Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c.107</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup>		<i>19<sup>th</sup> 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	Baldock APCM on Zoom
	4.30pm	Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Zoom
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

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