



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**St Luke's Day
Worship on Sunday 18th 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

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86913147047?pwd=b2lWSTlNZW9xT2VqWFM2dG9MUlhMdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047

Passcode: 157709

Don't miss the amazing planned giving news on 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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 716 We have a Gospel

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of the glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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 Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35: 3 – 6

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Psalm 147 verses 1 – 7 Power and Glory!

Used at 9am service

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

How wonderful to sing praises to our God!

How glorious to honour the Holy One with psalms!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

You rebuild Jerusalem **and gather the exiles of Israel.**

You heal the broken-hearted **and bind up their wounds.**

You count the stars **and name them all.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Mighty are you, O sovereign God, boundless your power, infinite your understanding.

You defend the downtrodden, throw the wicked to the dust.

Chant to the Holy One in thankfulness, **sing praises with music on the harp.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 4: 5 – 17

Neither service

⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia,^[a] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Used at both services

The Gospel Luke 10: 1 – 9

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive.

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, Andy Ball

At the anniversary of their death:

John Rogers, Betty Morgan

Choir Anthem: Agnus Dei from John Rutter's Communion Service

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Post Communion

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

Amen

Hymn 252 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

APCM Baldock Annual Church Meeting

take place on Zoom this Sunday at

11.15am. If you would like a hard copy

of the papers, 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.

EcoChurch! Your PCC decided last month 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 with whom we are intricately bound up. Katrina would love you to bring your ideas and enthusiasm to St Mary's Eco Group!

Eco Tip Trinity 19 - Why not wash and re-use bread bags as sandwich bags for packed lunches in place of clingfilm or foil? (please send your Eco Tips to share to kmnice2019@gmail.com)

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: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, Matthew 22: 34-end

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Despite the challenges, we are going 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.**



Can't get to the shops? You can now do the whole process on line (and even choose the contents) for £20. Click here for more details: <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Planned Giving and Church finances



Have you responded to 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 are 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 £11,325 per annum! This is a truly amazing response and testament to the practical faith of the people of St Mary's.

We are humbled and grateful to have received a donation of £10 000. With Gift Aid, this is worth a phenomenal extra £12 500 this year.

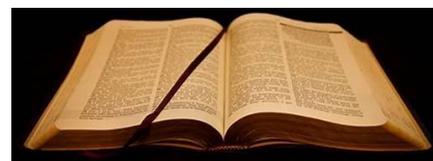
Please get your response back as soon as possible. Be part of the story!

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 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.

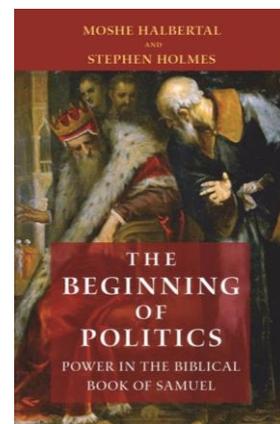


We are in the middle a new 5 session group on Wednesday Evenings on Zoom about the Old Testament, entitled 'A closed book or an open wound?' This group is for those who find the Old Testament confusing and struggle to find it relevant to life today! It examines art, embroidery, music and poetry, politics and human relationship, climate change and Covid 19! It begins on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm. Ask for the flyer if you have not seen it for more information. Each session is stand alone, s you can join at any time. Here are the details for the third session this Wednesday:



Session 3 History

- The books of 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings .
- The bible and politics and power.
- A look at human relationships (using 'The beginning of Politics' by Moshe Halbertal and Stephen Holmes).



The Zoom codes are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872604917?pwd=VEFvaWV93SFcxQzBjZS84SFVhRDIWQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7260 4917

Passcode: 812320

The next Messy Church will be on Nov 1st 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.



Junior Choir



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.

Forthcoming Meetings:

Baldock APCM Sunday October 18th at 11.15am

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

15 Houses Trustees meeting Tues 20th October at 8pm on Zoom

Very Advance notice! We are planning the Christmas Tree Festival for the weekend of Dec 20th. 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 2nd All Souls' Day Communion at 7.30pm

Sunday November 15th In Loving memory ... drop in between 3pm – 4pm

(including prayers, readings and the Book of Remembrance)

Sunday November 29th Advent Festival of Carols

Tuesday Home Group: The next Tuesday Home Group is on Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm meeting in church for prayer and then the pub.

The Zoom code for the **Community Sponsorship Team** meeting on Sunday 18th at 4.30pm is: Time: Oct 18, 2020 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88475234334?pwd=OGJ0cUorRStjTVA5OVIWY2JUbVhQUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 7523 4334

Passcode: 804521

Hazel and Martin Frost's latest newsletter will be circulated with this pewsheet.

Hidden Humour

A patient at a medical clinic filled out a form. After Name and Address, the next question was "Nearest Relative." She wrote "Walking distance."

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: Oct 19, 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: Oct 20, 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: Oct 21, 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 22, 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 23, 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 24, 2020 05:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85466550403?pwd=aHI2V0Nta0ZMbEdpUS9UM0JNbDdsUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 6655 0403

Passcode: 475222

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 18 th		<i>Luke the Evangelist</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
Mon 19 th		<i>Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812</i>
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 20 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm	15 Houses Charity Trustees' Meeting
Wed 21 st	<u>8.20am</u>	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm	The Old Testament – History: The bible and politics and power (see details earlier in this leaflet)
Thurs 22 nd	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	11.00am	Zoom Worship with Osbourne Court
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 23 rd	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 24 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church
SUNDAY 25 th		<i>Last 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
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

The Kingdom of God has come near to you

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