



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Worship on Sunday 4<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 Messy Zoom**

Family Worship and activities. Do join us!



**6pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

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

**Meeting ID: 869 1314 7047**

**Passcode: 157709**

STOP PRESS!! See planned giving news on page 9

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 70                      Be thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; and I thy true heir;  
Thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise:  
thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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**

## **The Old Testament Reading    Isaiah 5:1-7**

Used at both services

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## **Psalm 80: 7-14**

Used at 9am only

7 Turn us again thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance and we shall be whole.  
8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it.  
9 Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.  
10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar trees.  
11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.  
12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?  
13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up : and the wild beast of the field devour it.

14 Turn thee again thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold and visit this vine;

Glory to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end Amen.

Not used in any of our services today.

### **The New Testament Reading      Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **The Gospel      Matthew 21: 33-end**

Used at both services

<sup>33</sup> 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his

parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Eisenburg Close, Orwell View, Rhee Spring, Ringdale Place, Rye Gardens

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:

William Gray, Nancy Palmer, David Finney, Dorothy Layton, Dorothy Rudd

## **Choir Anthem: It is a thing most wonderful**

It is a thing most wonderful  
almost too wonderful to be  
that God's own Son should come from heaven  
and die to save a child like me.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails, and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.

It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure,  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord:  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more  
until I see thee as thou art.

## **Post Communion**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 305      Lord of the dance**

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe  
And the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John -  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be ...*

I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people  
Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a cross to die.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be ...*

I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black -  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
And they thought I'd gone,

But I am the dance,  
And I still go on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be ...*

They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be ...*

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## **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.

The logo for the Annual Meeting features the words "ANNUAL" and "MEETING" stacked vertically. Each letter is filled with a vibrant, multi-colored pattern, giving it a dynamic and artistic appearance.

## **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!



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

### **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: Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14

## 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. 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. **Thank you to all those 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 £8541 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.*

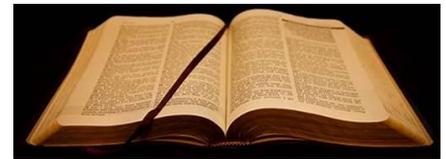
We are only too aware that because of Covid for some of us will find it impossible to give more than the sacrificial levels they are already contributing and others may well need to be reduced. However for others, there has been little financial impact over the last 6 months and you may well be able to commit to help close the gap. Thank you all for your Christian dedication and compassion.



## **Hidden Humour**

A man mentioned to his landlord about the tenants in the apartment over his. "Many a night they stamp on the floor and shout till midnight." When the landlord asked if it bothered him, he replied, "Not really, for I usually stay up and practise my trumpet till about that time most every night anyway."

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 first session:



### **Session 1 The Old Testament and the big story.**

- If you were to sum up the Old Testament in one pithy sentence, what would you say?
- What questions are you bringing to the evenings?
- Who wrote the Old Testament?
- What does it say about who we are and the relationships we form?
- Why is the title of this course referring to 'an open wound'?

The Zoom codes are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81872604917?pwd=VEFvaW93SFcxQzBjZS84SFVkrRDIWQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7260 4917

Passcode: 812320

**Did you know?** The Church budgets £3 000 per year for general maintenance around the building (not including the hall). Last year we spent £2,154, but in 2018 it was £4,017. This year is likely to be over budget because of some work we need to do in the tower removing pigeon droppings and pigeon proofing the drains. That's £10,000 over three years.



**Eco Tip Trinity 17 :** Pray about how we as individuals and as churches can fulfil the 5th Mark of Mission "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth".

### **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

## 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 5, 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 6, 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 7, 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 8, 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 9, 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 10, 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 4<sup>th</sup>

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

8.00am Morning Prayer in church  
9.00am Parish Communion at St Mary's  
10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom  
11.15am Messy Zoom  
6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

8.40am Morning Prayer in church  
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom  
8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

*William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536*  
8.40am Morning Prayer in church  
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wed 7<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 – A closed book or an open wound  
(see details earlier in this leaflet)

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

8.40am Morning Prayer in church  
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

8.40am Morning Prayer in church  
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

*Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644*  
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and also in church

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

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

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

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