



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**All Saints' Day
Worship on Sunday 1st November**



9am Parish Communion

There will be organ music and it is wonderful that the choir are 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

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11.15am Messy Church in church hall

Join us as we meet together for 45 minutes of craft activities and worship linked to the theme of the light of All Saints - Jesus shining within us. Each bubble is sated around a separate table distanced from other bubbles. All the activities are on this table and there is no need to move around. **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD IF YOU WISH. PLEASE BOOK YOUR TABLE TO ENSURE WE HAVE SPACE** baldockbenefice@gmail.com



6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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Remember to keep an eye open for anyone isolating who may need support or friendship.

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.

*Morning Prayer and some Evening Prayer are in church.
Evening Prayer is Zoomed each day. You are warmly invited to join us!*

Zoom **Evening Prayer** any day this week (check Week at a Glance for times on specific days

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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 177: For all the saints

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Revelation 7: 9 - 17

Neither service

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34 verses 1 - 10

I will always bless the Lord,
praise his name and love his word.
Humble folk will fill with joy,
as in God I glory.

When I prayed. God answered me,
from my fears he set me free;
none who trust God's faithful love
shall be disappointed.

Those who cry are listened to,
those in need receive their due;
angels guard God's loyal folk,
keeping them from danger.

Taste and see that God is good,
know your yearnings understood,
find your true security,
be God's holy people.

both services

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1 - 3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Choir will sing between the readings:

Word of God, burn within us, be a lamp unto our feet.
Test our hearts and our spirits, true disciples let us be.

both services

The Gospel Matthew 5: 1 - 12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Downlands; Mercia Road; Weavers Way; Westell Close.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Boudreau, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, baby Luca Mabert, Olive Elves, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Liz Smith, Anne England, Martin Reed, Bob Burt, Martyn Gray, Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dane, Karen Kynman, Andy Ball, Molly Upton, Brenda Copsey, Alan Russell.

Those who have died recently

Vera Allsop, Philip Hutchinson, Joan Walker,

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Tim Reed, Mary Sykes, James Freeth, Tom Camp, Jack Browne, Vera Davies, Richard Elves.

Choir anthem and Hymn 590: Seek ye first

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen.**



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 for All Saints' Day: Make a move to replace all your lights with LED ones (in your home, office, church hall. church etc) as this will cost you and the planet less in the long run and encourage others to live more sustainably too.

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



Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you haven't yet replied, it would be really helpful to have a response, whatever you intend to do financially.

Thankfully due to your generosity and commitment, the deficit is reducing as a result of our planned you have committed an month or £12,465 per amazing response and

giving renewal. So far extra £1038.75 per annum! This is a truly testament to the practical faith of the people of St Mary's.



The next Messy Church is THIS SUNDAY 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.

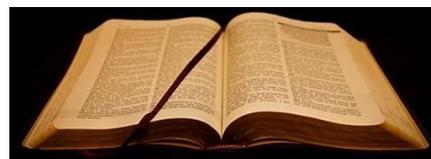




Junior Choir

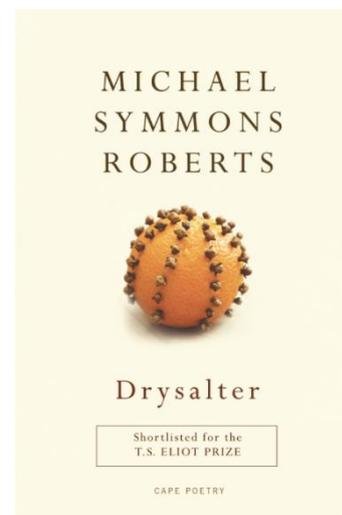
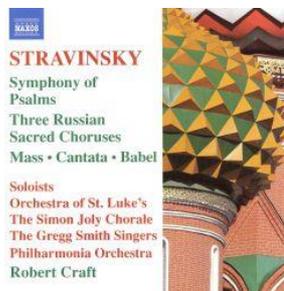
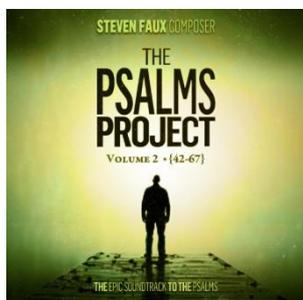
we hope to restart the Junior choir this week. If you would like to help or think your children might be interested, please let Madeleine Middleton or Andrew know. More details soon.

We are coming to the end of the 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! Ask for the flyer if you have not seen it for more information. Each session is stand alone, you can join at any time. Here are the details for the final session this Wednesday:



Session 5 4th Nov Worship

- Psalms and Lamentations.
- How can we worship when we’re angry or depressed?
- Music and poetry in worship.
- Is there a psalm for today?



The Zoom codes are:

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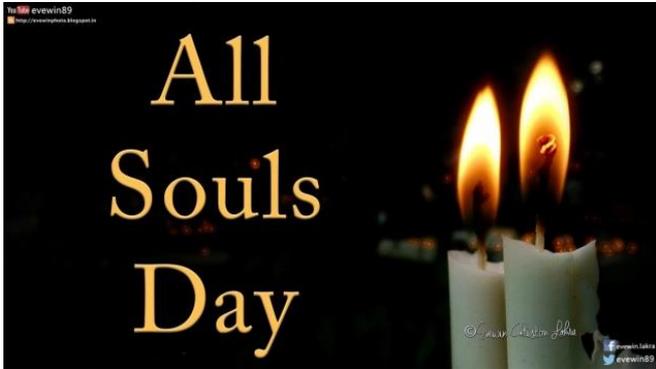
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Very Advance notice! We are planning the Christmas Tree Festival for the weekend of Dec 20th. It will, of course be a Tree Festival with a difference because of Covid, but we think it might be one of the best ways to communicate the Christian message 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!

Hidden Humour

This was in the collection of jokes about saints. I'm not sure why, but it made me laugh!
A buddhist monk walks up to a hot dog vendor and says, "Make me one with everything."



At **7.30pm on Monday 2nd November** we will have a simple communion service for **All Souls' Day** to remember all those we love but see no longer because they have died. During the service we light candles and read their names out. As you come up to communion remember that their light is shining in the Kingdom of Heaven and they are present with us as we receive the sacrament,

sharing in the banquet. If you would like to add names to the list, sign the list at the back of church or email the names to baldockbenefice@gmail.com

On **Sunday 15th November between 3 and 4pm** we hold **In Loving memory ...** . The church will be open for people to come and sit quietly, look at the Book of Remembrance, light candles and have someone to chat to and pray with. There will be a selection of readings during the afternoon and quiet music will be playing.



On **Sunday 29th November (Advent Sunday)** at 6pm we hold one of the most special services of the year. **The Advent Festival of Carols.** Come and listen to beautiful anthems, the Advent Prose, Advent hymns and readings and prepare for the coming of Christ. I'm delighted we are still able to host this amazing service.

Next week's readings:

A selection from: Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12 – 20; Amos 5: 18 – 24; Psalm 70;
I Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18; Matthew 25: 1 - 13

Information for attending services at St Mary's Church

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.
- 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.



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 aldockbenefice@gmail.com

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.



Bee garden, buddleia & bulbs! Do join us on **Saturday 7 November 10-12noon** as we get our **churcyard** ready for winter & spring. Please bring gloves & gardening tools with you. Many thanks. More info from Katrina 07708 064294

Thursday Home Group on Zoom–5 November at 10.30am.

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/74486551882?pwd=YXM4SIVDSzBDUVFVODJrNzROdFFRQT09>

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY Nov 1 st	ALL SAINTS' DAY
8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
9.00am	Parish Communion at St Mary's
10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
11.15am	Messy Church in the hall
6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 2 nd	<i>All Souls' Day</i>
8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
7.30pm	All Souls' Day Requiem Communion with lighting of candles, commemoration of those we love
8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 3 rd	<i>Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, AD1600</i>
8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee on Zoom
Wed 4 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion
	4.00pm Junior Choir in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
	7.30pm The Old Testament – Worship (see details in this leaflet)
Thurs 5 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)
	4.20pm Evening Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.45pm Choir practice
Fri 6 th	8.40pm Morning Prayer
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 7 th	<i>Willibrord of York, bishop, Apostle of Frisia AD 739</i>
SUNDAY 8 th	<i>Third Sunday before Advent</i>
Nov	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

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