



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Christ the King
Worship on Sunday 22nd November**

10.15am Zoom Morning Worship

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6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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Prayer is Zoomed most days. You are warmly invited to join us!

(check Week at a Glance for times on specific days)

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Morning Prayer will be said each day in church, usually at 8.40am.

You are invited to pray in your own homes at the same time.

Church buildings are being closed for all public worship except funerals until Wednesday 2nd December. The church building will remain open for private prayer everyday between about 8.40am and 3.30pm.

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to get food or medication etc, or people who are facing mental health issues or other problems during this second period of lockdown and you cannot care for them yourselves, please let me know.

Please make a special point of getting in contact with anyone you think may be struggling during the next 4 weeks. ... And please continue praying for each other and for the wounded world in which we live. And if you are struggling yourself, please do not keep silent.

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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 104 Christ triumphant

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

The Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen.

NOT USED AT 10.15am ZOOM WORSHIP

The Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95: 1 – 7 (The Venite)

NOT USED AT 10.15am
ZOOM WORSHIP

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God ♦
and a great king above all gods. **R**

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, ♦
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down ♦
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God; ♦
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-end

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel Matthew 25.31-end

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then

the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

West Avenue, Norton Crescent, Gates Court, Norton Road, The Sycamores

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, Mary Muir.

Those who have died recently

Vera Allsop, Barbara Smith.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Cecil Boniface, Joan Smithers, Stanley Eastwick, Vera Camp, Arthur Wheatley, Harold Pratt

Hymn 54 At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning, was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Final prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Message of thanks: Rhian Dodds would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and messages of love and support over the past few weeks.

Eco Tip for Christ the King Sunday: Calculate your own carbon footprint and become more aware of how you can reduce it e.g. at <https://www.wwf.org.uk/what-can-i-do> or <https://www.climatestewards.org/>

Hazel and Martin Frost's latest newsletter will be circulated with the pewsheets.



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.

Planned Giving and Church finances



Thank you to everyone who has responded. 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 **£1,076.25 per month or **£12,915** per annum! This is a truly amazing**

response and testament to the practical faith of the people of St Mary's.



On **Sunday 6th December at 11.15am**, we hope to run **Messy Church in the Church hall**. This will be an hour session. 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 worship and it will be our annual Christingle session, thinking about Jesus coming into the world at Christmas**. Each bubble will have their own table with all the materials they need for the session. All welcome, but we will need you to book in before the session. If you are unable to attend, but would still like the materials to hold your own Christingle at home, please let Emma Wilkinson know via the church email or on 07836 749283.



New toys needed: Home Start are collecting new toys for Christmas presents for families who are struggling. If you would like to give a present with a real purpose, please bring new UNWRAPPED presents to the rectory by Sunday 6th December. If we are open for worship on in church on Sunday you can bring them there on that day as well.



Hidden Humour (*Two jokes to keep it fair*)

Q: What do you call goat swimming really fast in a lake?

A: A motor goat

At the end of the day, the sheepdog reported back to the shepherd, "All fifty sheep accounted for, boss!"

"Wait, I only have 48 sheep!" the shepherd replied.

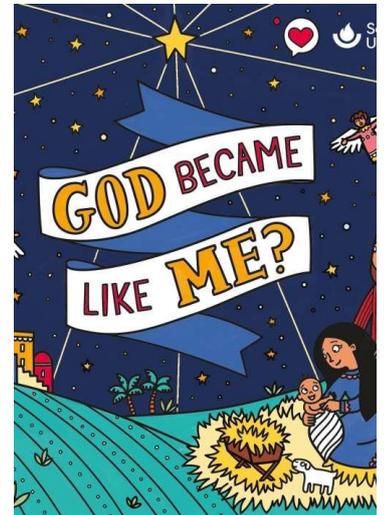
"I know," said the dog, "but I rounded them up."



The Advent Festival of Carols will hopefully be on **Sunday 13th December at 6pm. Do join us in church for this really wonderful service!**

Do add to our line of painted stones in the churchyard as we journey through Advent with Mary, Joseph and the donkey towards the crib (contact Katrina).

We are using the tree festival as our main way of communicating the Christian Christmas message to as many people as possible. There will be opportunities to ponder on the wonder of God sending his son to be born in a stable in poverty, as well as opportunities to light candles and pray for a variety of topics from creation to thinking about the people we love en route. The programme will have a few simple prayers and words of scripture on it and we will have inspirational readings and prayers read aloud at intervals as people enjoy the trees. As people leave we will offer them information about the Church and for children, a lovely little booklet (see picture) with the Christian story. We have ordered 500 of these. If you would like to help pay for them, it would be a wonderful way of adding meaning to your celebrations which are going to be so different this year.



However! We have not yet reached Advent! A time of preparation and expectation. Advent Sunday and the beginning of the Church's year is next Sunday. How are you going to 'stir yourself up' and get ready this year?

If you have not yet made a will please consider doing so. It makes life so much easier for those who have to sort things out after you enter the fullness of the Kingdom of God! And if you have or are in the middle of doing so, have you thought of leaving a legacy to St Mary's or St Margaret of Antioch in your will. This year we have once again been promised substantial money in this way. We often try to use part of it to remember to person who has died. Speak to Andrew if you would like more details of how to do this.

Christmas Worship

(Lockdown permitting!):



You'll need to book in advance for most of these to ensure a place.

To book a seat on any Christmas Eve worship or a time to visit the Christmas Tree Festival Worship visit our website: www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk

or baldockbenefice@gmail.com or (if you do not have internet access), call the Parish Office 892838.

We anticipate a big response so advise you to book in good time. The booking for the general public opens on Sunday 29th November but the systems will be up and running a few days before if you want priority booking.

Christmas Tree Festival Worship

FREE ENTRY

Fri 18th Dec: 5pm – 8pm

Sat 19th Dec: 11am – 7pm

Sun 20th Dec: 2pm – 6pm



Book online and arrive in your five minute time slot (alone or in a bubble of up to six). Follow a safe route around the church, whilst listening to festive music, engaging with the Christmas story and more...

WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP! Today we have our rota available to help man the festival. Please sign up for one or two slots as soon as possible.

Can you decorate a tree for the festival? It would be good to get as many church trees as possible.

There is a simple communion service at 12pm on Christmas Eve (no need to book)

Christmas Eve Crib Services

2pm and 4pm

Come dressed in your favourite Nativity costume, candles and a Christmas message. A different format from usual but hopefully still the same wonder!

Bygrave Christmas Eve Carols on Wedon Way field

6pm *(no need to book) Socially distanced carols, bonfire and Christmas message.*

Christmas Concert

7pm

Christmas readings and prayers, carols and anthem sung by the choir and a Christmas message



Christmas Day Communion

9am

Christmas Day Zoom Worship

10.15am

No need to book for Christmas Day worship

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 22 nd		<i>Christ the King</i>
Nov	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom (preacher: Emma Wilkinson)
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 23 rd		<i>Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100</i>
	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.45pm	PCC on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 24 th		
	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 25 th		
	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Thurs 26 th		
	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	11.00am	Zoom worship at Osborne Court
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 27 th		
	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
SUNDAY 29 th		<i>Advent Sunday</i>
Nov	08.40am	Andrew saying Morning Prayer in church
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

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Next week's readings: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80, I Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-end

The next PCC meeting is on Mon 23rd Nov at 7.45pm on zoom

You will have seen in the Christmas worship details that we are once again pleased to offer free entry to the Tree Festival. However we are encouraging donations and will have a contactless card reader in place to allow people to make a donation of £5 or £10 by waving their card or any other amount by pushing a button first.