



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Baptism of Christ
Worship on Sunday 10th January 2021**

9am

Parish Communion in church

Share in the sacrament of communion. Enjoy the choir. Wear a mask unless you are exempt. We are delighted to be able to offer physical worship together.

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

Worship planned to engage all ages. Wear a mask unless you are exempt.

6pm

Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDeINMbEppRIdBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718

Passcode: 188423

The guidance from the Government following the beginning of lockdown seems to be that we are permitted to continue public worship in church (it will, of course, continue online as well) on the same basis that we have been offering it for the last few weeks: with the choir singing; with communion in both kinds, bread and wine; and with all the infection control practice in place.

However it appears that people are only allowed to visit places of worship for organised acts of worship led by a licensed minister. Therefore the church will be closed except for the worship (including Morning and Evening Prayer etc) listed on the Week at a glance.

If anyone wishes to pray in church, especially in a time of crisis, please contact Andrew who will be delighted to open the church and lead a short prayer with you

Evening 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 most days in church, usually at 8.40am.
You are also warmly invited to join in*



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.

Christmas Tree Festival Worship Thanks – thank you to everyone who supported the event before Christmas. It was a resounding success and wonderful to offer something positive to our community at this difficult time. We raised about £900 for the work of the church in the process!

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to get food or medication etc, or people who are facing extra stress and anxiety or other problems and you cannot care for them yourselves, please get in touch. and please continue praying for each other and for the wounded world in which we live. If you are struggling yourself, please do not keep silent.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 684 Thou whose almighty word

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the

darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ◆
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

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2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ◆
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ◆
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ◆
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ◆
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ◆
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ◆
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; ◆
in his temple all cry, ‘Glory!’

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ◆
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ◆
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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The New Testament Reading Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.² He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’³ Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’⁴ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Osborne Court, Astonia House, Elmwood Court, Heath Hall, Pepper Court,
The Orchard

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Liz Smith, baby Luca Mabert, Olive Elves, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Anne England, Martin Reed, Martyn Gray, Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dane, Karen Kynman, Alan Russell, Andy Ball, Brenda Copsey, Mary Muir, Margaret Arthur, Tracy Copping, Maggie Hodges.

Those who have died recently

Agnes' mum (Agnes), Nina Culham, Sheila Boudreau, Pat Cairns, Wilf Gleeve

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Ivan Grimwade, Mary Rae, Freddie Walker, Iris Thame, Marjorie Hall, Marjorie Dear, Charles Stollery, Philip Newman

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 118 Come Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sev'nfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Show us the Father and the Son,
in thee and with thee, ever one.
Then through the ages all along,
this shall be our unending song.

'Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.'
Amen.

Streaming Worship: We hope very much to be able to start streaming worship soon. This Sunday will hopefully be a dry run but soon after it will be available for you to join in the Eucharistic Worship in church from the comfort of your own armchair! Thanks to David Morgan for enabling to happen.

The next Baldock PCC Standing Committee will be on Monday 11th January on Zoom

The next Baldock PCC meeting will be on Monday 25th January at 7.30pm on Zoom

The next Tuesday Home Group will meet in church on Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm for a communion service. All welcome.

Eco Tip for Epiphany 1: Use less paper when printing documents by fitting more words on a page (slightly narrowing top , bottom and left margins can make quite a difference) and always printing double-sided on recycled paper!

Hidden Humour



Several people have suggested that a regular **12pm communion service in church** would make it easier for them to attend as 9am and 9.30am are too early. We hope to start one in the next couple of months. If you have a preference about which day it is on (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday), please let Andrew know.

The Baldock distribution centre for the foodbank continues to operate from the church hall- Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 12 noon. Donations of Long life fruit juice, dried milk, tinned meat, vegetables and fruit, sugar and coffee would be gratefully received.



Advent now Epiphany Stones Trail!

Thank you to all who painted a stone for our Advent journey stone trail. Jesus has been born and now we celebrate his becoming known in the world!

Happy Christmas and Epiphany!

It's not too late to add a stone (or another one!)- showing the 3 Kings/a crown/gifts/ star/Jesus/love as we keep this wonderful story alive until Candlemas (2 Feb) and Christ's presentation in the temple. (more info - Katrina)

We will be reviewing the Prayer list in a few weeks' time. If we are praying for someone you have asked to be included please can you give Andrew an update within the next fortnight?

I'm delighted to report that Alex Milne has been awarded an MBE for her dedicated work with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (the FANYs). Very many congratulations for a well-deserved honour. Alex has been instrumental and indispensable in co-ordinating responses to many emergencies including the setting up of Nightingale Hospital (London) and the Grenfell Tower fire disaster. If there is a disaster in the capital you can be sure that Alex will be in the middle of it!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 10 th		<i>Baptism of Christ</i>
Jan	8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am	Parish Communion in church
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
	11.15am	Family Worship at Bygrave
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in church
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 11 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.00pm	PCC Standing Committee on Zoom
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 12 th	Aelred, abbot, 1167	
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 13 th	Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith	
	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
Thu 14 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	11.00am	Worship at Osborne Court
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 15 th	8.40am	Morning Prayer in church
	11.00am	Funeral of Pat Cairns RIP
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 16 th	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
SUNDAY 17 th		<i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
	8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am	Parish Communion in church
	10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

I have baptized you with water but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

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Next week's readings: I Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139, Revelation 5:1-10, John 1: 43-end