



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



*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

**Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Worship on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**9am**

**Parish Communion in church**

Share in the sacrament of communion. 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**

**Messy Zoom**

Join us for craft and singing and a bible story. Use the code above.



**6pm**

**Zoom Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTlhhQT09>

**Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718**

**Passcode: 188423**

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 and some Evening Prayer will be said in church, usually at 8.40am.  
You are also warmly invited to join in. See Week at a Glance for days and times*

*The Church of England have confirmed that we are permitted to open the church for private prayer as well as public worship, so I am pleased to say it is open again roughly from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Saturday.*



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. And our children and young people meet most Sunday evening for a Zoom session. Get in touch for more details.

*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.*

Due to rising infection rates, we are not permitted to have more than one singer in any service, so sadly we do not have the pleasure of listening to the choir in worship for the time being.

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## **Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

### **Hymn 332 I, the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. ....*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. ....*

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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     I Samuel 3: 1 – 20**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his

sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' <sup>17</sup>Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.' <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

## Psalm 139

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1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You encompass me behind and before ♦  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦  
so high that I cannot attain it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦  
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦  
already in your book were all my members written,

16As day by day they were fashioned ♦  
when as yet there was none of them.

17How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦  
How great is the sum of them!

18If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

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## **The New Testament Reading**

## **Revelation 5:1-10**

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' <sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

## **The Gospel John 1: 43-end**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:  
Chilvers Bank, Hilltop, The Leas, The Rise, St Mary's Way, The Glade

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

Nina Culham, Pat Cairns, Wilf and Jean Gleave

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Rose Allsop, Joseph Brown, Harold Walker, Baby Daniel Potts, Moira Thomson, Horace Armishaw, Minnie Pooley, John Pollard, Dave Hawkins, Samuel Elves, Doris Spencer

### **Post Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Hymn 756 Ye servants of God**

Ye servants of God,  
your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad  
his wonderful name;  
the name all victorious  
of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious,  
he rules over all.

God ruleth on high,  
almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh:  
his presence we have:  
the great congregation  
his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation  
to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God  
who sits on the throne!  
let all cry aloud,  
and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus  
the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces,  
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,  
and give him his right:  
all glory and pow'r,  
all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing,  
with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing,  
and infinite love.

**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.

### **Forthcoming Meetings:**

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

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

The next Community Sponsorship Team meeting is on Zoom on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at 4.30pm

The next Bygrave PCC is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm on Zoom

**Eco Tip Epiphany 2:** Spend some time getting more informed about carbon footprints from reliable sources eg :[BBC iPlayer - Horizon - 2021: Feast to Save the Planet](#)  
:uncomfortable viewing, but maybe if we all keep making small changes....?

### **Hidden Humour**

My friend looked me in the eyes and said, “You haven’t been listening to a word I said, have you!”

I thought, “What a strange way to start a conversation.”

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.

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?

Next week’s readings: Genesis 14:17-20, Psalm 128, Revelation 19:6-10, John 2:1-11

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>
8.00am	Morning Prayer in church
9.00am	Parish Communion in church
10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
11.15am	Messy Zoom
6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
8.00pm	Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Wulfstan, bishop, 1095</i>
2.00pm	Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Agnes, child martyr, 304</i>
	10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom – all welcome (contact Katrina)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>
8.00pm	Morning Prayer in Church
9.00am	Parish Communion
10.15am	Morning Worship on Zoom
11.15am	Parish Communion at Bygrave
6.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.

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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)