



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Worship on Sunday 24th 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

Parish Communion at Bygrave

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

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 is open Monday – Saturday between roughly 9am and 3.30pm for private prayer.



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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 609 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed:
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest and King supreme,
and at Cana wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest,
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed:
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole,
palsied limbs and fainting soul,
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might,
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed:
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 14:17-20

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Psalm 128

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ♦
and walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ♦
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; ♦
your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.

4 Thus shall the one be blest ♦
who fears the Lord.

5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ♦
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children ♦
and may there be peace upon Israel.

The New Testament Reading Revelation 19:6-10

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

The Gospel John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Brewery Lane, Pond Lane, Church Street, The Gardens, Mulberry Ct, Vintage Ct

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

Wilf and Jean Gleave

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Nancy Leahy, Irene Woodley, Nellie Yorke, Ada Flack, Mary Mackoniche

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 221 God is working his purpose out

God is working his purpose out
as year succeeds to year.
God is working his purpose out,
and the day is drawing near.
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From the east to the utmost west
wherever foot has trod,
through the mouths of his messengers
echoes forth the voice of God:
'Listen to me, ye continents,
ye islands, give ear to me,
that the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'

How can we do the work of God,
how prosper and increase
harmony in the human race,
and the reign of perfect peace?
What can we do to urge the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God,
his banner is unfurled;
let the light of the gospel shine
in the darkness of the world:
strengthen the weary, heal the sick
and set ev'ry captive free,
that the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All our efforts are nothing worth
unless God bless the deed;
vain our hopes for the harvest tide
till he brings to life the seed.
Yet ever nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

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 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.

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

The next Bygrave PCC is on Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm on Zoom

Eco Tip for Epiphany 3: Give birdlife a helping hand in your garden with food and water (especially in icy conditions) and why not take part in RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch for 1 hour between 29-31 Jan?

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Messy Church: The next Messy Church in the church hall will be on Sunday 7th February at 11.15am. More details soon.



Hidden Humour

I've trained my dog to bring me a glass of red wine.
It's a Bordeaux collie..”

A copy of **Martin and Hazel Frost's Newsletter** will be circulated with this News Sheet.

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.

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?



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.

Next week's readings: Malachi 3:1-5, Psalm 24: [1-6] 7-end, Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 24 th	<i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion in church
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom
	11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 25 th	<i>Conversion of Paul</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm Baldock PCC on Zoom
	8.00pm Monday Home Group (contact Emma)
Tues 26 th	<i>Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm Tuesday Home Group Communion in church
Wed 27 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
Thurs 28 th	<i>Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 30 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 31 st	<i>Candlemass</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom
	4.30pm Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Zoom
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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