



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Candlemass
Worship on Sunday 31st 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

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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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.

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymn 438 Make way, make way

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way (make way), make way (make way),
for the King of kings, (for the King of kings);
make way (make way), make way (make way),
and let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the pris'ners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.
Make way (make way), make way (make way) ...

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.
Make way (make way), make way (make way)...

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall.
Make way (make way), make way (make way)...

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen.

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The Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ◆
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas ◆
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ◆
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ◆
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ◆
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ◆
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆
and the King of glory shall come in.

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8‘Who is the King of glory?’ ♦

‘The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

9Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

10‘Who is this King of glory?’ ♦

‘The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.’

The New Testament Reading Hebrews 2:14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon^[c] came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking

for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Open spaces and footpaths, all new build and converted properties not mentioned on the Cycle of Prayer list.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Liz Smith, Olive Elves, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Anne England, Martin Reed, Martyn Gray, Ron Crumpholt, John Pearson, David Dane, Karen Kynman, Alan Russell, 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

Betty Dashwood, Peggy Knightly, Madge Woodward, Hilda Gray, Tom Walker, Nora Penfold

Hymn 582 Restore O Lord

Restore, O Lord,
the honour of your name,
in works of sov'reign power
come shake the earth again,
that all may see,
and come with rev'rent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,
in all the earth your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears your name.
And in your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,
where we are hard and cold,
in your refiner's fire:
come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes
and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, he is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord,
the honour of your name,
in works of sov'reign power
come shake the earth again,
that all may see,
and come with rev'rent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Final Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Streaming Worship: We hope very much to be able to start streaming worship soon. This Sunday will 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 Bygrave PCC is on Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm on Zoom

Eco Tip Candlemas: Why not twin your bin(s) with a project in the poorest countries to help them recycle waste and build safer living conditions as we remember especially at Candlemas that God's love is for all people. Toilets and taps also available! <https://www.bintwinning.org/> and <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

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



The next worship at Osbourne Court on Zoom will be Thursday 18th Feb at 11am

Hidden Humour

What do you call a new baby monkey?

A chimp off the old block.

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?

Real Easter Eggs (see attached info)

If you want to buy a Real Easter Egg, an Easter Egg with a Christian meaning this year from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, order them by emailing baldockbenefice@gmail.com before 1st March.

Each fairtrade egg comes with an Easter Story activity booklet. **They will not be available in supermarkets this year.**

You can choose between:

The original £3.99; Dark Chocolate £5.50; Fun pack £5.00 (6 milk smaller eggs)

Special edition £9.99 (luxury egg plus olive wood cross and orange milk chocolate bar)

You can also buy online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk but you will have to pay postage in addition.

Ash Wednesday: We are planning a Zoom service at 7.30pm as well as the service in St Mary's at 9.30am. In this very peculiar year, do make a point of joining us at one or the other to give extra stability to life whilst we are still in lockdown. More details next week.

Lent Books: Please see the attached list with Lent Book suggestions from Katrina.

We also have a Lent Group on Zoom based around prayer. More details next week.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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
Mon 1 st	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
Feb	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 2 nd	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 3 rd	<i>Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
Thurs 4 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm Bygrave PCC on Zoom
Sat 6 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 7 th	<i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom
	11.15am Messy Church in the hall
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

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Next week's readings: Proverbs 8:1,22-31, Psalm 104, Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14