



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

Second Sunday Before Lent Worship on Sunday 7th February 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 Worship in church hall

Please book in advance. Sit at socially distanced tables in your bubble for activities and craft. Share in family worship together.

We can't serve food but you are welcome to bring some lunch to eat as a family.



6pm

Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTIhhQT09>

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 at roughly 9am - 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 6 All creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him ...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

O praise him ...

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him ...

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading Proverbs 8:1,22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 104

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦

which you have made to play in the deep.

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29 All of these look to you ♦

to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦

when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦

and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ♦

while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

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The New Testament Reading Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[b] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

South Road, Laxton Gardens, Walnut Avenue, South Close, Convent Gardens, South Lodge Mews.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Jeanette Jackson, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, 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, Stefano Di Lello, Dick Haynes.

Those who have died recently

Maggie Hodges, Terry Ball

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Donald Varrall, Harry Penfold, Alice Kingsley, Edward and Elizabeth Thomson, Trevor Bunch, Alf Haylett, Frank Newman, Ada Marshallsay, Vi Cottendon, Bidy Reed

Hymn 314 Immortal invisible

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid
from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging,
and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish,
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render,
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

Streaming Worship: We hope very much to be able to start streaming worship in two weeks. We expect to publish details of how to worship with us this way next week. It will be soon be possible for you to join in the Eucharistic Worship in church from the comfort of your own armchair!

Eco Tip for 2nd Sunday before Lent: Why not grow pots of herbs on your kitchen windowsill or even some mixed salad leaves so you can avoid plastic wrapped ones from the supermarket?

Hidden Humour

Q: How many climate sceptics does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None. It's too early to say if the light bulb needs changing.

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

Ash Wednesday February 17th : 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. The 9.30am service will be communion for the beginning of Lent but we will not be able to make the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead. The 7.30pm service will be a short act of worship to which you are invited to bring some ash to make this symbolic action yourself.

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

Andrew will be leading a **Lent Group focusing on prayer**. This will run on Thursdays at 7.30pm on Zoom starting on February 18th for 6 weeks.

We will take a different question each week, relate it to the bible and our own experience and involve various different types of prayer over the course. Each week will stand alone, you can opt in and out as you wish. The attached flyer has more information but the themes are:

1. Does God answer prayer?
2. What's the point in praying?
3. Should I pray for things I want?
4. Is prayer hard work?
5. What does the Holy Spirit do?
6. The Lord's Prayer



To join us, the Zoom link is below:

Topic: Prayer - a conversation with God?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85185425495?pwd=aUZwNXRLQjZMl16bGtZNXErdnFZdz09>

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The Next Tuesday Group Communion is on Tuesday 16th Feb (Shrove Tuesday) in church at 7.30pm.

The next date for Zoom worship at Osbourne Court is Thursday 16th February at 11am. Let Andrew know if you would like to join in.

The next Baldock PCC Standing Committee is on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm on Zoom

Many thanks to everyone who painted a stone in our Advent Stone Trail ,which continued into Epiphany. Now we have reached Candlemas, do please take your own stone(s) home if you would like to- (we have moved them to the Bee Garden rockery area!). - Katrina and Chris Caine

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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
Mon 8 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 9 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 10 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
Thurs 11 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 13 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 14 th	<i>Sunday before Lent</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom
	11.15am Family Worship at Bygrave
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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Next week's readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

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