



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



*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Worship on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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.

**Why not share in Parish Communion  
in your own home?**



Take part in Parish Communion online either at 9am on Sunday or at any time during the following week, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/S3lbrlj0hKk>

**10.15am**

**Zoom Morning Worship**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85865137528?pwd=ZjVrV25sMzJlKanNTN3pNZjdqMXVYdz09>

**Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528**

**Passcode: 827152**

**11.15am**

**Messy Zoom**

Join us for 40 minutes of craft, prayers, a bible story and singing. The Zoom code is the same as for Morning Worship above.



**6pm**

**Zoom Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDeINMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTlhhQT09>

**Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718**

**Passcode: 188423**

**Question for the week:**

*What can you point to that demonstrates your shared community, not just with other human beings but with God the creator and his sharing Son?*

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, usually at 8.40am, and some Evening Prayer will be said in church.  
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.*

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

### **Hymn 738 When I survey the wondrous cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingling down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## The Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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**

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## The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Psalm 51: 1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned ♦  
and done what is evil in your sight,

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5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
and righteous in your judgement.

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins ♦  
and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦  
and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

*You may be interested to know that this is traditionally said to be a psalm written by King David after he was brought face to face with the consequences of committing adultery with Bathsheba. Read more about it in 2 Samuel 11 and 12.*

## **The New Testament Reading Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **The Gospel John 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup>Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. <sup>27</sup>'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Coachmans Lane, Hadrian Way, Hopewell Road, Pepys Way, Letchworth Road,  
Burleigh House.

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, Dick Haynes, Alan Russell, Stefano Di Lello, Margaret Arthur, Tracy Copping, David Dane, Karen Kynman.

Those who have died recently

Brenda Copsey

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Ethel Ransford, Jessie Kingsley, Christine Bilton, Barry Haigh, Rose Paine, Stanley Clowes, Mary Peters, Peter Walden, Jack Scurr, Peter Flack, Christine Norman, Fred Prentice.

## **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Hymn 463 My song is love unknown**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but man refused, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing:  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King:  
then 'Crucify'! is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

The final **Lent Group focusing on prayer** is this Thursday at 7.30pm on Zoom. It focuses on 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>

Meeting ID: 851 8542 5495 Passcode: 559388

### **Three questions to ponder during Lent**

1. How do you delight in creation and what effect does it have on the decisions you make in life?
2. How do you express your love for all humanity rather than just the people close to you?
3. What can you point to that demonstrates your shared community, not just with other human beings but with God the creator and his sharing Son?

### **Anniversary prayers for Covid lockdown:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is exactly a year after the first lockdown started. Enclosed with this news sheet are some prayers reflecting on the year, connecting with all those who have been at the forefront of the struggle against the Coronavirus, and hope for the future. As usual the church will be open for prayer and to light a candle between 8.40am and 3.30pm.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

Community Sponsorship Team meeting: Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Mar at 4.30pm on Zoom

**Hazel & Martin Frost's latest newsletter** will be circulated with this News Sheet.

## **Bird Spotting and Bird Feeder Competition:**

St Mary's Eco Church Group have set up a bird spotting and bird feeder competition for everybody to enter. More details will be circulated with this News Sheet and there is also a poster on the church notice board advertising it. This is the first of a series of initiatives to increase and improve our involvement with our beautiful, natural world, helping us to build towards a more sustainable future. Do spread the word and join in!

**Your EcoChurch Group** invite you to take part in Earth Hour on Saturday 27 March at 8:30pm by symbolically turning your lights off and watching and sharing the **Earth Hour Virtual Spotlight video** on social media . Started by WWF in 2007, Earth Hour aims to raise awareness in 190 countries of the Climate Crisis the world over.

<https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/virtual-spotlight>



**Eco Tip Lent 5:** Do you use a razor? Have you considered a reusable style rather than the plastic disposable type? Much cheaper in the long run and looks a lot nicer in the bathroom too!

## **Hidden Humour**

**I told a joke over my zoom meeting**

It wasn't even remotely funny

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Next week's readings: Mark 11:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Ps 31: 9 - 16 and Mark 15: 1 - 39

# Easter Praise!

**Saturday 3 April 10am-5pm**

**& Sunday 4 April 1pm-5pm**

Not the Christmas Tree Festival but a community event run on similar lines to the very successful engagement with Baldock at Christmas!

**Displays of anything to do with Easter** – eggs, decorated trees/branches, a garden on a plate / seedtray, bonnets and bunnies, as we tell the Easter story in five focus points around the church and have live prayers, readings and music.

**Come and visit!** Timed entry and COVID safe. Book a timed arrival slot for up to six people in one bubble. To book to visit the event, please follow this link: <https://doodle.com/poll/7p72mfrr8s7yudzz>



## Can you help to steward the event?

To make the event a success, your help is invaluable if we are to steward it safely. If you can help during the weekend, please follow this link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/zir8bqyra2x5mwpb>

Please do join in with this powerful witness by St Mary's bringing church and town together. Why not send in an entry too! - Please tell your friends and groups about it!

For more details or for an application form, please email

[baldockeasterpraise@gmail.com](mailto:baldockeasterpraise@gmail.com)

Many thanks from Katrina, Emma and Alex

# Holy Week and Easter worship

This is a complete list of worship for the week. To get the most out of it, join in with something on each of the four 'big' days: **Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.**

The entries in **bold print** are the ones we recommend if you can make them.

## **Palm Sunday**

8am Morning Prayer in church

9am **Parish Communion and distribution of palms**

*(palms will be available in church for you to collect after the service)*

10.15am **Morning Worship on Zoom**

11.15am **Parish Communion at Bygrave**

6pm Evening prayer on Zoom



## Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

## Wednesday in Holy Week

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Communion

5pm Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom



## Maundy Thursday

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm **Communion of the Last Supper in church**

*this will be streamed*

followed by

**Watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (in church)**

*This will also be Zoomed*

Ending with Compline at 10pm



## Good Friday

9am **Morning Prayer on Zoom**

12pm **Service of prayers, readings and a sermon and reception of Communion** *this will be streamed*

5pm **Evening prayer on Zoom**



## Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

10am – 5pm **Easter Praise in church – please book**

5pm Evening prayer in church and on Zoom

7pm **Bonfire and simple celebration of Easter at Bygrave**

## Easter Day

8am Morning Prayer in church

9am **Easter Communion in church**

10.15am **Morning Worship on Zoom**

11.15am **Easter Messy Church in hall – please book**

11.15am **Easter Communion at Bygrave**

1pm – 5pm **Easter Praise in church - please book**

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom



## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion in church ( <i>See PI for streaming details</i> )
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom
	11.15am Messy Church on Zoom
	4.30pm Community Sponsorship Team meeting
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	4.15pm Reception of Brenda Copsey RIP into church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom ( <i>contact Emma</i> )
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	11.00am Funeral of Brenda Copsey RIP
	2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom ( <i>contact Katrina</i> )
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	9.30am Holy Communion
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	8.40am Morning Prayer in church
	10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom – all welcome ( <i>contact Katrina</i> )
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	7.30pm Lent Group on prayer on Zoom: <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	8.00am Morning Prayer in church
	9.00am Parish Communion in church ( <i>preacher: Katrina Nice</i> )
	10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom ( <i>preacher: Katrina Nice</i> )
	11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave on Zoom ( <i>preacher: Katrina Nice</i> )
	6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Jesus said, 'Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.'

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