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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

**THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD TODAY.
COME TO CHURCH AN HOUR EARLY (note the increased number on zoom still in pyjamas!)**

Palm Sunday

Worship on Sunday 28th March 2021

**9am****Parish Communion in church**

Share in the sacrament of communion. Receive a palm cross. 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/XrODf73jtZM>

**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. Receive a palm cross. 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=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

**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.*

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**The Collect**

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

**Amen**

**Hymn 583 Ride on ride on**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark all the tribes hosanna cry;

thy humble beast pursues his road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin

o’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The wingèd squadrons of the sky

look down with sad and wond’ring eyes

to see th’approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

the Father, on his sapphire throne,

awaits his own appointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

bow thy meek head to mortal pain,

then take, O God, thy pow’r, and reign.

**The Palm Gospel Mark 11:1-11**

1When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 2‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?" just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.“’ 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ 11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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**The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The servant of the LORD said: 4The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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**Psalm 31: 9-16**

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; ♦
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; ♦
my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; ♦
when they see me in the street they flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; ♦
I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; ♦
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord. ♦
I have said, ‘You are my God.

15 ‘My times are in your hand; ♦
deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 ‘Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦
and save me for your mercy’s sake.’

**The New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11**

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. 9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Passion Gospel Mark 15: 1-39**

1As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. 2Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ He answered him, ‘You say so.’ 3Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4Pilate asked him again, ‘Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.’ 5But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

6Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9Then he answered them, ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ 10For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12Pilate spoke to them again, ‘Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’ 13They shouted back, ‘Crucify him!’ 14Pilate asked them, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’ 15So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. 17And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ 19They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 20After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

21They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). 23And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. 24And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26The inscription of the charge against him read, ‘The King of the Jews.’ 27And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. 29Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30save yourself, and come down from the cross!’ 31In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.’ Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

33When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’ 36And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’ 37Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

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

North Road, Royston Road, Bygrave Road, Larkins Close, Salisbury Road

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, Julian Chapman.

Those who have died recently

John Gray

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Olive Thompson, Pat Harding, Peter Gathercole

**Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**Hymn 14 All glory laud and honour**

*All glory, laud and honour,*

*to thee, Redeemer King,*

*to whom the lips of children*

*made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,

thou David’s royal Son,

who in the Lord’s name comest,

the King and blessed one. [Refrain]

The company of angels

are praising thee on high,

and mortals, joined with all things

created, make reply. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews

with palms before thee went:

our praise and prayer and anthems

before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee before thy passion

they sang their hymns of praise:

to thee now high exalted

our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises,

accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,

thou good and gracious king. [Refrain]

**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?

**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!

**Eco Tip for Palm Sunday:** Are you a gardener? Did you know that using peat  based compost not only depletes our precious peat bogs, but the carbon trapped in the peat is released into the atmosphere as CO2? Please look  for peat-free or coir based compost to doubly help the environment.

Your **EcoChurch Group** should have some great news on an award very soon! Let's all keep going in an Eco direction! Try to walk or cycle to church services / events if you are able - it might simply mean having to leave the house a few minutes earlier (note to self, Katrina) - it all helps the environment to leave your car at home!"

**Hidden Humour**

(A trinity of donkey jokes)

What do you call a donkey wearing ear muffs?
**Anything you like, he can’t hear you!**

Which is the coldest animal?
**I'm not sure. Alaska donkey….**

How does Winnie the Pooh's friend paddle his boat?
**Eeyores it!**

The Baldock Annual Parochial church Meeting will be on Sunday 18th April at 11.15am on Zoom

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Next week’s readings: Acts 10:34-34, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

**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.

To book a timed slot to visit the event, please follow this link: <https://doodle.com/poll/7p72mfrr8s7yudzz>

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**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

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



Truly this man was God’s Son!

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 28th **Palm Sunday**

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 **9.00am** **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**

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 29th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church **Monday of Holy Week**

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 30th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church **Tuesday of Holy Week**

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wed 31st 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 9.30am Communion

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom

**Thurs 1st** **Maundy Thursday**

**April** 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm 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

**Fri 2nd Good Friday**

 **9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

 **12.00pm Service of prayers, readings and a sermon and**

**reception of Communion** –*this will be streamed*

 **5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom**

**Sat 3rd Holy Saturday**

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

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

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom

 **7.00pm Bonfire & simple celebration of Easter at Bygrave**

**SUNDAY 4th Easter Day**

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 **9.00am** **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**

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom