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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship on Sunday 18th April 2021

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

Share in the sacrament of communion. Wear a mask unless you are exempt. We areespecially delighted the choir are able to sing with us again. Wear a mask unless you are exempt. Toilets are available in the church hall. Please ask a sidesperson if you need access.

Those sitting in the nave, in front of the streaming camera, may be visible on the streaming service video. If you would rather not be captured on screen in this way, please speak to a sidesperson who will offer you a seat not visible to the camera. The camera does not capture anyone receiving communion.

**Share in Parish Communion in your own home**

Take part in Parish Communion online either at 9am on Sunday or any time during the following week, click on this link:  <https://youtu.be/PUOcu4vEboU>

**10.15am****Zoom Morning Worship**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85865137528?pwd=ZjVrV25sMzJKanNTN3pNZjdqMXVYdz09>

**Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528 Passcode: 827152**

After the Zoom Morning Worship there will be a short break and then at 11.15am we will continue with our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on Zoom with the same code. Do join us to elect wardens and PCC, receive the annual accounts and hear about the events of the last year as well as doing a bit of thinking about the next one.

**6pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

**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, 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**

**Hymn 354 Jesus lives!**

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

can no more, O death, appal us;

Jesus lives! By this we know

Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.

Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death

but the gate of life immortal:

this shall calm our trembling breath,

when we pass its gloomy portal.

Alleluia.

Jesus lives! for us he died;

then, alone to Jesus living,

pure in heart may we abide,

glory to our Saviour giving.

Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well

naught from us his love shall sever;

life nor death nor pow’rs of hell

tear us from his keeping ever.

Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne

over all the world is given:

may we go where he is gone,

rest and reign with him in heaven.

Alleluia.

**The Collect**

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**The New Testament Reading Acts 3: 12 -19**

12Peter addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

USED IN 9.30am WORSHIP ONLY

**Psalm 4: O God, defender of the poor.**

O God, defender of the poor,

Have mercy when I pray:

You listened to my prayer before

Lord, hear my prayer today!

How long will people choose vain things,

Love empty words and wrong?

They scorn to serve the King of kings –

O living God, how long?

While many pray that you will bless

And bring them all they need,

Unless they long for holiness

Their prayers are vain indeed.

Your light, O Lord, let us receive,

Your face within us shine:

For richer is the joy you give

Than all their corn and wine.

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

**The New Testament Reading 1 John 3: 1 – 7**

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**The Gospel Luke 24: 36b – 48**

36Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.

44Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.

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

Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive.

Those in need of healing:
Paula Conder, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Martin Reed, Martyn Gray, Ron Crumpholt, Dick Haynes, David Dane, Alan Russell, Jeanette Jackson, Margaret Arthur, Tracy Copping, Karen Kynman, Jean Schurch.

Those who have died recently

Sylvia Lawrence, Jo Meaker, Anne Snoxall, Olive Elves.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Vivian Bain, John Bassett, Charlie Farrow, Doris Thompson, Margaret Palmer,

Bill Mintram, Alec Keep, Betty Wheatley, John Elliott, Dick Allison, Peter Grinbergs, Edie Noon, John Dance.

**Post Communion**

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Hymn 637 The day of resurrection!**

The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;

the Passover of gladness,

the Passover of God!

From death to life eternal,

from earth unto the sky,

our Christ hath brought us over

with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,

that we may see aright

the Lord in rays eternal

of resurrection-light;

and list’ning to his accents,

may hear so calm and plain

his own ‘All hail’ and, hearing,

may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful,

and earth her song begin,

the round world keep high triumph,

and all that is therein;

let all things, seen and unseen,

their notes of gladness blend,

for Christ the Lord hath risen,

our joy that hath no end.

**Eco Tip Easter 3**: Think twice about laminating notices and posters which then end up in landfill! If the documents are for one-off indoor use or short-term outdoor use, consider avoiding plastic completely (and saving money and energy) or using re-usable thinner plastic pockets.

Your **Eco Church 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 customer at the local fishmongers marvelled at the proprietor’s quick wit and intelligence. “Tell me, what makes you so smart?” he asked the owner.

“Since you’re a good and faithful customer, I’ll let you in on it. Fish heads. You eat enough of them, you’ll be positively brilliant.”

“You sell them here?” the customer asked.

“Only £4 apiece,” said the fishmonger.

The customer quickly bought three. A week later, he was back in the store complaining that the fish heads were disgusting and he wasn’t any smarter.

“You didn’t eat enough,” was the reply, and the customer went home with 20 more fish heads. Two weeks later, he was back and this time he was really angry. “Hey,” he said, “You’re selling me fish heads for £4 apiece when I just found out I can buy the whole fish for £2. You’re ripping me off!”

“You see?” replied the fishmonger, “You’re smarter already.”

The Baldock Annual Parochial church meeting will be on Sunday 18th April at 11.15am on Zoom. It will use the same code as Morning Worship. Hope to see you there!

**Forthcoming meeting dates**

Baldock APCM Sunday 18th April at 11.15am on Zoom

15 Houses Charity Trustees Tuesday 20th April at 8pm on Zoom

Osbourne Court worship Thursday 22nd April at 11am on Zoom

Bygrave APCM Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm

PCC Standing Committee Monday 10th May at 7pm

The next **Tuesday Home Group** will be on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm. Let Andrew know if you would like to come.

We are sorry for the poor sound quality of the streaming service over the last few weeks. It seems mainly to be to do with the position of the camera; what is best for vision is not necessarily best for sound. We will be experimenting and seeking advice over the next few weeks about how to get the best of both worlds!

**Confirmation**: I am delighted to announce that **James and Lorraine Northern** will be confirmed at St Ippolyts on Thursday 22nd April. Sadly there is no safe space for people from Bygrave and Baldock to come but remember them in your prayers. Shortly after this they will be licensed as Lay Leaders of Worship in the Diocese which means they will have Episcopal approval to lead worship in our parishes.

The choir are planning **choral Evensong** on Sunday May 22nd at 6pm. This is the Feast of Pentecost so it will be really special. Make a date now!

**A prayer for prince Philip**

****Most merciful God,
 whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
 surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love,
 that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
 but have confidence in your goodness,
 and strength to meet the days to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 18th *Third Sunday of Easter*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion in church

 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am St Mary’s APCM on Zoom

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 19th *Alphege, archbishop, martyr, 1012*

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 8.00pm Monday Home Group (contact Emma)

Tues 20th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

3.00pm Silent Prayer (contact Katrina)
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm 15 Houses Trustees meeting on Zoom

Wed21st *Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

Thurs 22nd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
 11.00am Worship at Osbourne Court on Zoom

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
 7.30pm Confirmation at St Ippolyts

Fri 23rd *George, martyr, patron of England, c.304*

Sat 24th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

SUNDAY 25th *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

 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

It is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Next week’s readings: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-end, John 10:11-18

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