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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship on Sunday 25th 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. 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/UAn1cneZ6Fc>

**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. Wear a mask unless you are exempt.

**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 The Lord’s my Shepherd (Stuart Townend)**

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*For Your endless mercy follows me,*

*Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone …*

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone…*

**The Collect**

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The New Testament Reading Acts 4:5-12**

5The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” 12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

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**Psalm 23**

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters. ***R***

3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ***R***

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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**The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:16-end**

16We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**The Gospel John 10:11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 11‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

Whitehorse Street, Womback Yard, Tranters Mews, Alexander Court, Sun Street,

Bell Row

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

Noel Sheldrick, Richard Haerle, Peter West, Rosemary Eagle, Frank Stokes, Jill Stuart, Ted Holehouse

**Post Communion**

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn 98 Christ is our cornerstone**

Christ is our cornerstone,

on him alone we build;

with his true saints alone

the courts of heav’n are filled:

on his great love our hopes we place

of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise

these hallowed courts shall ring;

our voices we will raise

the Three in One to sing;

and thus proclaim in joyful song,

both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou

for evermore draw nigh;

accept each faithful vow,

and mark each suppliant sigh;

in copious show’r on all who pray

each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heav’n

the grace which we implore;

and may that grace, once giv’n,

be with us evermore,

until that day when all the blest

to endless rest are called away.

**Eco Tip Easter 4:**  See more of the global effects of climate change by watching TV series such as "Climate Change: Ade on the Frontline" (BBC2)(great to see a wheelchair user accessing such diverse places on earth, but then shocking to discover they may not be there at all by 2050) or "Greta Thunberg - A year to change the world" (BBC1)

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 shepherd owned a remarkable dog, deft at sheep herding and able to speak.

At the end of the day, after his dog had herded the flock into the pen, the shepherd asked his canine friend to confirm how many sheep were in.
"40," the dog barked.
"40? I counted 37."
"Yes," replied the dog, "I rounded them up."

**Forthcoming meeting dates**

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.

**Confirmation**: I am delighted to announce that **James and Lorraine Northern** were confirmed at St Ippolyts on Thursday 22nd April. They will soon 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!

**11.15am Messy Church in the Church Hall on 2 May.**

Hear how the disciple Philip told an Ethiopian travelling home from Jerusalem about the good news of Jesus! Sit in your own bubble. Crafts (including one that is edible....) , all age prayers and involvement for all the family. Please book a table before hand: text Emma on 07836 749283 or email baldockbenefice@gmail.com

**Christian Aid week (10th – 16th May)**

Due to the pandemic we won’t be doing a door to door collection this year but there will be an opportunity to donation both in church and online - the latter by clicking on this link: <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/donate/step/1>

**Coming Soon!!**

A new series of Evening discussion on the Gospels and Acts

Starting Wednesday 12th May 7.30pm on Zoom

Why are there 4 Gospels? What the difference between them? What differing emphases do they illustrate about Jesus Christ? And how do you read Acts in order to appreciate the joys and struggles of the early Church?

May 12th Matthew

May 19th Mark

May 26th Luke

June 23rd John

June 30th Acts

More details soon!

Special event!! Evening Prayer at Bygrave 6pm on Sunday 15th May!

**Hazel and Martin Frost’s latest Newsletter** will be circulated with this News Sheet.

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Next week’s readings: Acts 8:26-end, Psalm 22:25-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

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

Mon 26th *Mark the Evangelist*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 27th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm No Silent Prayer today
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm Bygrave APCM

Wed28th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 9.30am Holy Communion

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

Thurs 29th *Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380.*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church
 10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 1st *Philip and James, Apostles*

MAY 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

SUNDAY 2nd 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion in church

 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am Messy Church in hall

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

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