



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship on Sunday 16th May 2021**

9am

Parish Communion in church



Share in the sacrament of communion. Wear a mask unless you are exempt. It's great 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/7LQ8twHvUpE>

10.15am Zoom Morning Worship

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

Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528

Passcode: 827152

6pm

Evening Prayer at Bygrave

and

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, 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 644 The head that once was crowned with thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
the royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords
is his, is his by right.
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'ns eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace is giv'n;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The New Testament Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Happy is the one who does not take
bad advice for a guide,
Nor walks the path on which sinner have trod,
nor sits with the cynics mock.

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Happy is the one who takes delight
In the law of the Lord,
And meditates on it both day and night,
And prospers in ev'ry way.

Such a one as this is like
a tree by the nourishing streams,
which yields its fruit when the season is right
and bears leaves that never fade.

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| NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP |
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The New Testament Reading I John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gospel John 17:6-19

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Willian Way, Clare Crescent, Elmwood Avenue, Mons Avenue, Nightingale Way,
Templar Avenue.

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

Arthur Johnson

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Keith Gates, Bunty Wilkins, Irene Miller, Ethel Grinbergs, Gladys King, Lily Armishaw,
Marion Hopgood, Paddy Kilbride

Hymn 408 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Lord, enthron'd in heav'nly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving rev'rence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flow'r of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine off'ring, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Life-imparting heav'nly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 615 Spirit of the living God (verse 1 only)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Eco Tip Easter 7: Take time to notice where your food comes from next time you buy something...what has been its cost to the environment in terms of chemicals / intensity of farming and transport emissions. Could you eat more sustainably?



Hurray! On 12 May we received notification of the **A Rocha scheme's Bronze Award for St Mary's!** This means we reached over 25% in the questionnaire points in 5 areas: Worship, Buildings, Land, Lifestyle and Community & Global Engagement. The next target is 50% and Silver.... Do contact either Katrina (07708 064294) or Chris Caine if you have ideas or want to help in any way. Many thanks for your support. ecochurchbaldock@gmail.com

Hidden Humour

A man walks into a pub...

... goes to the bar, sits down and patiently waits for the bartender to ask him what he wants to drink. Eventually it's his turn and he asks for punch.

The bartender tells him to get in the line, leaving the man confused. He searched throughout the pub before realising there was no punchline.

Do join us!!

A new series of Evening discussion on the Gospels and Acts

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 19th Matthew

May 26th Luke

June 23rd John

June 30th Acts



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406781881?pwd=NIQ2Znc4SVhLbGNyazhOM2lpOG9ldz09>

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Passcode: 338747

Sunday Evening Worship in the Benefice

We hold Evening Prayer each Sunday on Zoom except for the two dates following!

Sunday 16th May 6pm Evening Prayer at Bygrave

Sunday 23rd May 6pm Choral Evensong at Baldock

The next PCC Standing Committee is on Mon 10th May at 7pm

The next Community Sponsorship Team meeting is on Sunday 13th June at 4.30pm

CCLI number: 752089

Next week's readings: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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| SUNDAY 16 th | <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am Morning Prayer in church 9.00am Parish Communion in church 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 6.00pm Evening Prayer at Bygrave |
| Mon 17 th | 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 7.30pm PCC on Zoom 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma) |
| Tues 18 th | 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| Wed 19 th | <i>Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988</i> 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 9.30am Holy Communion 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church 7.30pm The Gospels – session 2: Matthew. On Zoom |
| Thurs 20 th | <i>Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804</i> 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 11.00am Worship at Osbourne Court 12.00pm Communion in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| Fri 21 st | 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 5.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| Sat 22 nd | 9.30am Morning Prayer in church 3.00pm Wedding of Matthew Burnage and Ellie Jesson 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church |
| SUNDAY 23 rd | <i>Pentecost</i> 8.00am Morning Prayer in church 9.00am Parish Communion 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom 11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave 6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer in church |

Jesus prayed about his followers, “As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”