



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Pentecost
Worship on Sunday 23rd 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/Z4ogQfHkUFU>

10.15am Zoom Morning Worship

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

Meeting ID: 858 65 13 7528

Passcode: 827152

11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave

Share in the sacrament of communion. Wear a mask unless you are exempt.

6pm Choral Evensong in church



The choir have been preparing hard. You're warmly invited to join with them. This will be the nearest thing to a pre-Covid service for 15 months!

Evening Prayer is Zoomed most days. You are warmly invited to join us!
(check Week at a Glance for times on specific days)

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

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718

Passcode: 188423

*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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The New Testament reading Acts 2: 1 – 13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them

speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Hymn 615 Spirit of the living God

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.

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

Hymn 114 Come down O love divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

The New Testament reading Acts 2: 14 – 21

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

ONLY USED AT 9.00AM SERVICE

Psalm 104 vv 25-35 & 37 Send forth your spirit, O Lord

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Praise the Lord O my soul:
O Lord God, your glory is great.
How manifold are your works:
In wisdom you have made them all.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall never cease:
The Lord shall rejoice in all his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while my breath remains.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The New Testament reading Romans 8: 22 – 27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ²⁶‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

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

Eagle Court, Farriers Close, Lavendar Court, Gates Court, Sauvignes Court, Bowmans Green

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, Graham Blunt, Arthur Thame

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Joan Smith, Reg Dane, Ted Winter, Rosa Arbury

Hymn 666 The Spirit lives to set us free

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light. [Refrain]

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light,
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light. [Refrain]

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commission

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future with hope,
trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to build each other up in health, illness and pandemic and grow together
in love?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to challenge yourself, your brothers and sisters and your neighbour to
live sustainable lives?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to speak uncomfortable truths to the comfortable and offer mercy to the
unloved and unlovely?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to pray for the world until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave his spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light. [Refrain]

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light.
The Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light. [Refrain]

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light. [Refrain]

Eco Tip for Pentecost: In this vital year of COP26, let the Holy Spirit inspire you to start a conversation this week about one way you are doing your bit for the planet, thus encouraging others to take action too.



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

There was some confusion in a Welsh parish at one time when both curates had the surname of Evans. This was short lived as soon one became known as Evans the Trinity, and the other as Evans the Holy Ghost. Both men were flattered to hear this until they discovered that they had been called this because one was incomprehensible and the other was indivisible. The confusion got worse when the new rector arrived also called Evans. But this was easily sorted, he was quickly called Evans above.

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 26th Luke
June 23rd John
June 30th Acts



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406781881?pwd=NIQ2Znc4SVhLbGNyazhOM2lpOG9ldz09>
Meeting ID: 834 0678 1881 Passcode: 338747

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

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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
Mon 24 th	<i>John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788.</i> 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 25 th	<i>The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735</i> 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 2.00pm Silent Prayer (contact Katrina) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 7.30pm Tuesday Group Communion in church
Wed 26 ^h	<i>Augustine, archbishop, 605</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 3: John. On Zoom
Thurs 27 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church 10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Fri 28 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Sat 29 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 30 th	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9.00am Parish Communion (we welcome Robert Evens as our celebrant today) 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth

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Next week's readings: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17