



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Worship on Sunday 9th 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/PpoOAsjwoxE>

10.15am Zoom Morning Worship

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

Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528

Passcode: 827152

11.15am Family Worship at Bygrave

Join for worship which appeals to all ages. Music, bible readings, activities, prayers which you can identify with however old you are and a short address.

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTlhhQT09>

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 103 Christ the Lord is risen again (omit v7 on zoom)

Christ the Lord is ris'n again,
Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, Alleluia.

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say: Alleluia.

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia.

He whose path no records tell,
who descended into hell,
who the strongest arm hath bound,
now in highest heav'n is crowned.
Alleluia.

He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia.

Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we too may enter heav'n. Alleluia.

Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away;
let us sing by night and day: Alleluia.

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 10:44-end

⁴⁴While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord,
he to whom wonders belong!
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power –
O sing to the Lord a new song!

ONLY USED AT
9.00AM SERVICE

Sing a new song and rejoice,
publish his praises abroad!
Let voices in chorus with trumpet and horn,
resound for the joy of the Lord!

NOT USED IN
OUR WORSHIP

The New Testament Reading I John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Pinnocks Lane, Pinnocks Close, The Tene, Pembroke Road, High Street

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

Olive Elves.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

David Hartley, Ada Viner, Jean Ellis, Lionel Elliston.

Hymn 551 O worship the King

O worship the King
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his pow'r and his love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

○ tell of his might,
○ sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark in his path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
almighty, thy pow'r
hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend.

○ measureless might,
ineffable love,
while angels delight
to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

Ascension Day is this Thursday

We have a Sung Communion service with a short sermon by Katrina at 7.30pm. Do join us for a really special evening. We will stream this so people can also join from their homes: The link is <https://youtu.be/gj7Oi3Yf3Oo>

Eco Tip Easter 6 : The recent dry spell has highlighted all of creation's fundamental need for water. Why not install a water butt, or 2 or 3...to collect valuable free rainwater for your plants, and so use less of the water you pay for!

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

The garden of love

Cabbage always has a heart;
Green beans string along.
You're such a Tomato,
Will you Peas to me belong?

You've been the Apple of my eye,
You know how much I care;
So Lettuce get together,
We'd make a perfect Pear.

Now, something's sure to Turnip,
To prove you can't be Beet;
So, if you Carrot all for me
Let's let our Tulips meet.

Don't Squash my hopes and dreams
now,
Bee my Honey, dear;
Or tears will fill Potato's eyes,
While Sweet Corn lends an ear.

The next PCC Standing Committee is on Mon 10th May at 7pm
The **foodbank** would be very grateful to receive donations of Long life fruit juice, tinned tuna, fruit, rice pudding and sponge pudding. Donations can be brought to the church hall Tuesday or Friday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. Thank you.

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.

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 Mark
May 19th Matthew
May 26th Luke
June 23rd John
June 30th Acts



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

CCLI number: 752089

Next week's readings: Acts 1:15-17,21-end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 9 th	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am Morning Prayer in church 9.00am Parish Communion 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom 11.15am Family Worship at Bygrave 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Mon 10 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 7.00pm PCC Standing Committee on Zoom 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)
Tues 11 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina) 4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 12 th	8.40am Morning Prayer in church 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Funeral of Olive Elves 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church 7.30pm The Gospels – session 1: Mark. On Zoom
Thurs 13 th	<i>Ascension Day</i> 8.40am Morning Prayer in church 10.30am Thursday Home Group (contact Katrina) 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom 7.30pm Sung Communion for Ascension Day 8.00pm FOSM Committee meeting on Zoom
Fri 14 th	<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
Sat 15 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
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

Jesus said, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

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