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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Second Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 13th June 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. 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/9qgAnPV_4sk>

**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**

All age worship in church, socially distanced. Listen to songs, watch a video, take part in activities, pray in all age ways, feel the presence of God and worship Jesus.



**6pm**  **Food4Life – Young People’s Communion**

Join us for a simple communion service aimed at young people aged 10 – 18

**AND**

**6pm Zoom Evening Prayer (see link on next page)**

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=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

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**

**Hymn 636 The Church’s one foundation**

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

she is his new creation, by water and the word;

from heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,

her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;

till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,

and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth have union with God the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

 **The Collect**

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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**The Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-end**

22Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. 24All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

Brothers and sisters, 6we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – 7for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

14The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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**Psalm 92**

Let this prayer, O Lord, be granted:

may we live and grow,

fruitful trees that God has planted

where the waters flow.

When the storms of life assail us

let our roots be found

firm in hope that will not fail us,

deep in hallowed ground.

Word of God to teach and nourish,

love of God to tend,

grant us in your courts to flourish,

fruitful to the end.

Then in Christ, our sins forgiven,

God who loves to bless

call us to the life of heaven,

trees of righteousness.

**The Gospel Mark 4:26-34**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. 26Jesus said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ 30Jesus also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ 33With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Hillcrest, Page Close, Woodlands Way, Temple Court, Chiltern Road, Beech Ridge

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 whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Dorothy Hoeg, Stephanie Butts

**Post Communion**

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**Hymn 70 Be thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

naught be all else to me save that thou art;

thou my best thought in the day and the night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;

thou in me dwelling, and I in they care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,

be thou my armour, and be thou my might,

thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,

raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world’s praise,

thou mine inheritance through all my days;

thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,

high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,

grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heav’n’s sun;

Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The PCC are finalising plans and faculty applications for the renewing of the nave and chancel roof at St Mary’s. We very much hope that it will be carried out this year. Drips of water on your heads when it is raining will be a thing of the past! The work will cost in the region of £225 000 and we have about £40 000 to find. The Friends of St Mary’s are spearheading this final push for financial support and will be issuing more details soon. Be part of the final push to make St Mary’s watertight!!! Watch this space! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point.

We restarting our **Youth communion service Food4Life for teenagers and children in Year 5 and above.** It’ll be on Sunday 13th June at 6pm in church. If this is for you, we really hope you can join us.

**Forthcoming meetings:**

The next Bygrave PCC meeting is on Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm

The next PCC Standing committee is Monday 28th June at 8pm

The next date for **communion at Magdalene Court** in Monday 28th June at 10.30am

**Eco Tip Trinity 2**: Air pollution is a hidden killer - Clean Air Day is on 17 June to raise awareness and celebrate councils' work to address it. Why not look at <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/free-resources/individuals> and support any local initiatives.



We hope to start the next **Faith Confirmed** Group within the next few months. If you would like to find out more about the Christian Faith or if you would like to be confirmed, this group is for you. Subtitled *‘101 questions about faith you always wanted to know but never dared ask’* it allows discussion and questions about everything from prayer to what you think about the Holy Spirit. About what happens at communion to Christian moral standards. If someone asked you what a Christian was, would you know how to reply? Faith confirmed helps you think about your answer to this questions and to decide if it applies to you. Speak to Andrew if you are interested.

**Do join us!! For t**he last two Evening discussions 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?

June 23rd Luke

June 30th Acts

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406781881?pwd=NlQ2Znc4SVhLbGNyazhOM21pOG9Idz09>

Meeting ID: 834 0678 1881 Passcode: 338747

You may remember that I announced during my sermon last week that the PCC have enthusiastically endorsed running a parish mission in 2021

We are arranging a small group to plan this over the next year and the first meeting is on Monday June 14th at 7.30pm. If you would be interested in being part of this group please let Andrew know.

We would be really grateful for everyone’s input in the following ways:

1. We are probably going to plan the mission around the theme of God’s creation and climate change. Do you think this is the right theme of do you have other ideas?

2. Do you think truth, prophecy, communication and salvation are the right key words to focus on or should we be looking at others?

3. Do you have any views about using Acts 2: 1 – 21 and John 15: 9b – 27 (the reading for Pentecost) as leading bible passages for the mission or would you suggest others?

4. And most importantly: please pray for our planning and for the mission that we will be communicating what the Spirit is saying to the St Mary’s

**Worship in the Benefice over the coming months**

We expect to be keeping the pattern of worship we have at the moment until June 20th.

We do not know yet what changes to expect once the Government eases restrictions on June 21st or what that will mean for Church worship, or even if June 21st will be the key date.

However if there is significant easing that impacts on what we are able to do in church then we are likely to change the pattern of worship for June 27th with relatively little notice.

It may well be that we are able to revert to a pre-covid pattern of worship with relatively little risk. In that case the last Zoom morning worship may be on June 20th and we will reintroduce Sunday BCP Communion at 8am and Parish Communion at St Mary’s at 9.30am on June 27th. We will still be offering streaming and are working towards improving the sound on streaming by this date. We expect some Zoom Evening Prayers to continue. Bygrave Parish Communion will stay at 11.15am on June 27th whatever happens but probably move back to 11am in July.

We are beginning to plan for an all age celebration Sunday a few weeks later to rejoice in worshipping together once again as well as to remember all that has happened over the last 18 months and to lament with those who mourn.

More details when we have firmer dates but in the meantime, please check emails and news sheet for up to date news.

**Please can you help** - many hands make light work! As we are (fingers crossed) now coming out of Covid restrictions and able to return to a more normal pattern of worship, Andrew has asked that the church has a bit of a spruce up. This will need to be done before June 27th which would be the first normal church service if restrictions are lifted. We have set aside **Saturday 19th June at 10am**, just for a couple of hours, to get our beautiful church ready to welcome everyone back. It would be great to see as many of you as possible on 19th even if you can only spare an hour or half an hour! Thank you in advance Sheila 07742562920.

The **foodbank** would be very grateful for donations of long life juice, tinned tuna, rice pudding, custard and sponge puddings, cereal bars, dried mashed potato and packet soup. These can be delivered to the church hall when the foodbank is open, between 10 am and 12 noon Tuesday and Friday mornings. Thank you.

**Hidden Humour**

What do you give a dog with a fever? Mustard, it's the best thing for a hot dog.

**CCLI number: 752089**

Next week’s readings: Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, Mark 4: 35-41

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 13th *2nd Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion in church

 10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am Family Worship at Bygrave

 6.00pm Food4Life Youth Communion Service

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 14th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm Meeting about Parish Mission 2022

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 15th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 7.30pm Bygrave PCC

Wed 16th *Richard, bishop,1253*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

 4.30pm Evening Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thurs 17th 8.20am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 19th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 10.00am Church cleaning

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

5.30pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 20th *3rd Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion

10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

5.00pm Team meeting in church

6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Christ died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

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