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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 27th 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/1wWcQyYKqAU>

**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 (see link below)**

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 130 Come wounded healer**

Come, wounded Healer, your suff’rings reveal –

the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.

Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul

to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.

Come, hated Lover, and gather us near,

your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:

where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,

your loving acceptance makes hope live again!

Come, broken Victor, condemned to a cross –

how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!

Your willing agreement to share in our strife

transforms our despair into fullness of life.

**The Collect**

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

**The Old Testament Reading Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

13because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. 14For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. 15For righteousness is immortal. 23for God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, 24but through the devil’s envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

**Psalm 30**

*Refrain: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.*

1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up ♦
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦
and you have healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ♦
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦
give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. ***R***

6 In my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved. ♦
You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.’

7 Then you hid your face from me ♦
and I was utterly dismayed.

8 To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦
to the Lord I made my supplication:

9 ‘What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? ♦
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

10 ‘Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; ♦
O Lord, be my helper.’ ***R***

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; ♦
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; ♦
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Lord, you hide your face
when we trust in ourselves;
strip us of false security
and re-clothe us in your praise,
that we may know you
as the one who raises us from death,
as you raised your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**The New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-end**

7You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. 8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – 11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. 13I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.’

**The Choir will sing between the readings:**

Word of God, burn within us, be a lamp unto our feet.

Test our hearts and our spirits, true disciples let us be.

**The Gospel Mark 5:21-end**

21When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. 22Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ 24So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. 25Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. 26She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ 29Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ 31And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?” ’ 32He looked all round to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’ 36But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ 37He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ 40And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ 42And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Football Close, Icknield Court, Laurel Mews, Pryors Court, Icknield Way East,

Icknield Way

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

Annie Webb, Olive Hill, Dennis Chamberlain, Ken Cooper, Phil Bye, Gaynor Morgan, David Sheldrick,

ONLY USED AT 9.00AM SERVICE

**Choir Anthem He whom angels worship**

**Traditional Irish. Arr. Alan Bullard (b.1947)**

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should pour his love upon the human race,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wand’rers,
to bring all back, within the fold of grace.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethl’em’s manger was his only home,
and that he lived and laboured at Nazareth,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
Forgives our sin, and calms our in-most fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, ev’ry storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all on earth with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and countless throngs of human voices sing,
and earth to heav’n, and heaven to earth, will answer:
‘At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!’

**Hymn 474 Now thank we all our God**

Now thank we all our God,

with hearts and hands and voices,

who wondrous things hath done,

in whom his world rejoices;

who from our mother’s arms

hath blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love,

and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God

through all our life be near us,

with ever joyful hearts

and blessèd peace to cheer us;

and keep us in his grace,

and guide us when perplexed,

and free us from all ills

in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God

the Father now be given,

the Son and him who reigns

with them in highest heaven,

the one eternal God,

whom earth and heav’n adore;

for thus it was, is now,

and shall be evermore.

**Post Communion**

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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 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.

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

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

**Do join us!! For t**he last 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 30th Acts
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83406781881?pwd=NlQ2Znc4SVhLbGNyazhOM21pOG9Idz09>

Meeting ID: 834 0678 1881 Passcode: 338747

We are beginning to make more definite plans for the mission next year. More details soon. Please keep praying for this exciting and important initiative.

We are planning the mission around the theme of God’s creation and climate change.

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

Following the recent responses to infection levels we are keeping the present pattern of worship until at least July 18th.

I hope very much we will be able to plan for an all age celebration Sunday a few weeks later (but it is fair to say this will not be on July 25th) 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.

**Admission to Communion:** We plan to run a small group for children in Year 5 or above to admit them to communion so they are able to take a full part in the communion services in church. If you or your child would like to be part of this group and you have not already responded, please let Andrew know. We can then arrange the sessions at a convenient time for you!

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

**Hidden Humour**

A healing Pastor came to a church. There was a long line to see him. It was a little boys turn in line and he said it was his hearing.
So, the healing Pastor grabbed his ears and said a prayer.
The Pastor let go and asked, "How’s your hearing now?''
"I don't know.. it's not till Friday," replied the boy.

**Door to door delivery for the restoration work on the church roof**

The Friends of St Mary’s are planning a door to door delivery of an appeal leaflet for the proposed restoration work on the church roof over the next month. It would be really helpful if you would be prepared to deliver leaflets in one or more streets. (We are not calling back to collect, mainly to preserve social distancing). We are very grateful to half a dozen sponsors who have already pledged around £5 000 to match fund this appeal. This means we are able to advertise that for every £10 donated it is worth £25 to the church. We hope to raise £12 500 through this appeal so your practical support in delivering will be really valuable to enable this to happen. The leaflets should be ready in a couple of weeks or so.

**Can you spare an hour or two once or twice a month?** We have one or two elderly parishioners who need some help from time to time with lifts to hospital appointments or someone with whom to have a social chat. If you would be willing to be on a What’sApp group to be able to offer either ad hoc help or something more structured (for example, a couple of hours on a particular day once a month), please let Andrew or Alex know.

**Eco Tip Trinity 4:** Now that we have sunnier days (usually) - why not let the sun and wind dry your clothes outside and save on the electricity of using a tumble dryer!

The next **Tuesday Home Group** is on Tuesday 29th June at 7.30pm in church and then the pub.

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**Messy Church in the Church Hall on 4 July** at11.15am. Still continuing with our well-rehearsed COVID restrictions- thank you for being so accepting....Do come along and hear how some determined men helped their disabled friend reach Jesus in a crowded house because they were convinced he could heal him - find out how they did it and if they were right – using crafts (including one that is edible....) and all-age prayers , with involvement for all the family. Please book a table beforehand: text Emma on 07836 749283 or email baldockbenefice@gmail.com

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Next week’s readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 27th *4th Sunday after Trinity*

8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion

10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave

5.00pm Community Sponsorship Team meeting on Zoom

6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 28th *Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c.200*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm PCC Standing Committee

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 29th *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

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

 7.30pm Tuesday Group meets in church

Wed 30th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

7.30pm The Gospels: Session 5 – Acts (on Zoom)

Thurs 1st 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

JULY 10.30am Thursday Home Group (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 3rd *Thomas the Apostle*

SUNDAY 4th *5th Sunday after Trinity*

 9.00am Parish Communion in church (Elizabeth Bunker)

10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

11.15am Messy church in hall

6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Jesus said … , ‘Do not fear, only believe.’

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