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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 11th July 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/cbXQDJa53Kg>

**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**

An outdoor service!! We are able to sing!! Short and joyful!! Do join us. Chairs available but you may wish to bring a blanket!

**6pm****Evening Prayer on Zoom**

See next page for Zoom link

Evening Prayer is Zoomed most days. You are warmly invited to join us!

(check Week at a Glance for times on specific days
as there are a few changes this week)

<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 54 At the name of Jesus**

At the name of Jesus

ev’ry knee shall bow,

ev’ry tongue confess him

King of glory now;

‘tis the Father’s pleasure

we should call him Lord,

who, from the beginning,

was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation

sprang at once to sight,

all the angels’ faces,

all the hosts of light,

thrones and dominations,

stars upon their way,

all the heav’nly orders

in their great array.

Humbled for a season,

to receive a name

from the lips of sinners

unto whom he came,

faithfully he bore it,

spotless to the last,

brought it back victorious

when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant

with its human light,

through all ranks of creatures

to the central height,

to the throne of Godhead,

to the Father’s breast,

filled it with the glory

of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;

there let him subdue

all that is not holy,

all that is not true;

crown him as your captain

in temptation’s hour;

let his will enfold you

in its light and pow’r.

Truly, this Lord Jesus

shall return again,

with his Father’s glory,

with his angel train;

for all wreaths of empire

meet upon his brow,

and our hearts confess him

King of glory now.

**The Collect**

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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**

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

**The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**

1David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. 3They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart 4with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. 5David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

12So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; 13and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. 15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. 18When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, 19and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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**Psalm 24**

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

1 The earth is the Lord’s and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. ***R***

3 ‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?’

4 ‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 ‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.’

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. ***R***

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 ‘Who is the King of glory?’ ♦
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 ‘Who is this King of glory?’ ♦
‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

O Lord of hosts,
purify our hearts
that the King of glory may come in,
your Son, Jesus our redeemer.

**The New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-14**

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ 4before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people to the praise of his glory.

**The Gospel Mark 6:14-29**

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, ‘John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.’ 15But others said, ‘It is Elijah.’ And others said, ‘It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.’ 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, ‘John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.’ 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, ‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.’ 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, ‘Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.’ 23And he solemnly swore to her, ‘Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.’ 24She went out and said to her mother, ‘What should I ask for?’ She replied, ‘The head of John the baptizer.’ 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.’ 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Ashwell Road, Wedon Way, Church Lane.

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, Shaun Trussell

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Bill Mitchell, May North, Fred Hallums, Roy Bottle, Ron Wright

**Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Hymn 379 Lead us heavenly Father lead us**

Lead us, heav’nly Father, lead us

o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;

guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,

for we have no help but thee;

yet possessing ev’ry blessing

if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us,

all our weakness thou dost know,

thou didst tread this earth before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;

lone and dreary, faint and weary,

through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,

fill our hearts with heav’nly joy,

love with ev’ry passion blending,

pleasure that can never cloy;

thus provided, pardoned, guided,

nothing can our peace destroy.



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 question and to decide if it applies to you. Speak to Andrew if you are interested.

**Eco Tip Trinity 6:** Collect some seeds from annuals such as poppy, cornflower and red campion and scatter them on a bare patch of soil for new plants in September/October -But mainly keep deadheading flowers to encourage more blooms at the moment.(the bees will be pleased with both!)

**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.

**We need your help to save our church!**

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 a leaflet with information on how to support the appeal will be delivered to every house in Baldock. Be part of the final push to make St Mary’s watertight!! Read below to find out more…

**Can you help to deliver some church appeal leaflets to the houses in your road / neighbourhood?** We have 5,000 to deliver but we need your help to make it possible. 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. Please let Andrew or Alex know if you can help. Leaflets will be available from next weekend and need to be delivered during July.

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.

**Forthcoming meetings:**

The next Deanery synod is on Tuesday 13th July at 8pm at Ashwell. It will be a Eucharist.

The next meeting about the 2021 plans for a Mission is on Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm. All welcome to the Rector’s garden!

The next Baldock PCC meeting is on Monday 19th July

**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 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.

**Hidden Humour**

**John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin....**

But his head was once removed.

**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.

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The **foodbank** would be very grateful to receive donations of Long life fruit juice and milk, sponge puddings, dried mashed potato, and packet soup. These can be brought to the church hall Tuesday or Friday mornings Between 10am and 12 noon, when the foodbank is open Thank you for your support.

Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 11th *6th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion

 10.15 am Morning Worship on Zoom

 11.15am Outdoor Family Worship at Bygrave

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 12th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom – note change of day

(contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 13th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 8.00pm Deanery synod at Ashwell

Wed 14th *John Keble, priest, poet, 1866*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

7.30pm Meeting about 2021 Mission at Rectory

Thurs 15th *Swithun, bishop, c.862*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 17th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

5.30pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 18th *7th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

 9.00am Parish Communion

and baptism of Amelia Shepperson Smith

 10.15 am Morning Worship on Zoom

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

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