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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 18th July 2021

**9am****Parish Communion and baptism in church**

It’s wonderful that we are able to welcome Amelia Shepperson-Smith and her family as she is baptised today. Share in the sacrament of communion. Wear a mask unless you are exempt. 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/AnzElOtvwzc>

**10.15am****Zoom Morning Worship**

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

**Meeting ID: 858 6513 7528 Passcode: 827152**

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

See below for Zoom link

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

<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.*

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymn 19 All my hope on God is founded**

All my hope on God is founded;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth,

only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone

calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,

sword and crown betray his trust;

what with care and toil he buildeth,

tow’r and temple, fall to dust.

But God’s pow’r, hour by hour,

is my temple and my tow’r.

God’s great goodness aye endureth,

deep his wisdom, passing thought:

splendour, light and life attend him,

beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore, from his store,

new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal

sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising

for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call one and all:

ye who follow shall not fall.

**The Collect**

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

NOT USED IN OUR WORSHIP

**The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6**

1Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 2Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. 3Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

**Psalm 23**

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Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters. ***R***

3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ***R***

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [Refrain]

**The New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:11-end**

11Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – 12remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**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 6:30-34, 53-end**

The apostles returned from their mission. 30They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. 53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive.

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

Elsie Wilkinson, Kate Jones, Mary Jones, Caroline Murphy, PC Tony Sweeney,

Madge Grimwade, Peter Parkyn, Gina Churchyard.

**Post Communion**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,

we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Hymn The Lord’s my shepherd (Townend)**

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*For Your endless mercy follows me,*

*Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights. [Refrain]

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know. [Refrain]

**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 leaflets 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 are available to collect from church and need to be delivered during July.

**Sunday 1 August 09:30 in church and outside!**

**Join us in an interactive All Age service** focussing on God's wonderful creation and Christ's redeeming love for all of it. This ***Climate Sunday Service***is our part in the Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland initiative to highlight Christians' call for more action to combat the climate crisis, vital to the survival of all God's creation. More info from Katrina.

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.

**CCLI number: 752089**

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.

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

Following the expected relaxing of restrictions on July 19th we expect to return to a pre-Covid pattern of worship from July 25th. This means that Morning Worship on Zoom will end after July 18th, and there will be an 8am BCP communion and a 9.30am Parish Communion restarting on July 25th. Bygrave services will remain at 11.15am until September. **However we may not be able to make a final decision after July 19th**. It’s likely that the 8am service will restart in the main body of the church, rather than the chancel, to begin with.

Evening Prayer on Zoom will continue in the current pattern until at least July 25th

We do not yet know whether we will be permitted to sing and have received no guidance about the receiving communion by sipping from the common cup (both of which are suspended at the moment). Whatever decisions are made in the next week or so about distancing, wearing of masks, sharing the Peace etc, we are very conscious that we wish to be accessible to everyone, both those who are keen to relax as much as possible and those who are anxious. There will definitely be areas in our fortunately spacious and airy building where people can distance effectively and where others will know not to approach too close uninvited.

**We will send out further information as we know it so please check if you are unsure what is happening when!**

We hope to have a Sunday to celebrate and commemorate at some point in the future!!!

**Eco Tip Trinity 7:** If you buy fruit and veg from a supermarket, try and buy unwrapped produce or failing that "wonky" / "perfectly imperfect" apples etc which may have a small mark or be a range of sizes, but still have a lot of goodness - it will stop a huge amount of produce simply going to waste because supermarkets reject it. Would you throw away an apple or carrot you have grown, just because it isn't 100% perfect?

**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.

**Forthcoming meetings:**

The next Baldock PCC meeting is on Monday 19th July at 7.30pm.

If you would like to order a 2022 lectionary (which gives the readings at Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer each day), then please let Alex know in the next two weeks.

**Hidden Humour**

A retired man purchased a home near a school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace, then the new school year began...Each afternoon early into term, three loud young boys came down his street, beating merrily on every bin they came across. Finally the man decided it was time to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the boys. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a pound if you'll promise to come every day and bang the bins.” The boys were more than happy and continued every day on their walk home. After a week, the man met the kids again. However this time, he didn’t have a smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income." he told them. "I'm going to have to cut it down to 50p a day.” The kids were obviously unimpressed but they accepted the reduction in payment and continued their afternoon activities. A few days later, he saw them again. "Look," he said, "I haven't received my pension yet so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25p to bang on the bins. Will that be okay?" "That's it!?" the 'drum leader' exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time for 25p a day, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!" And the man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days...



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.

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 45:1-5 or Acts 11:27-12:2, Psalm 126, Acts 11:27-12:2 or Corinthians 4:7-15, Matthew 20:20-28

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 18th *7th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Morning Prayer in church

9.00am Parish Communion

and baptism of Amelia Shepperson-Smith

10.15am Morning Worship on Zoom

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon 19th *Gregory, bishop, and his sister Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith,*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church *c.394 and c. 379*

10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm PCC in the church hall

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 20th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

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

5.45pm FOSM committee meeting

Wed 21st School term ends today

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

Thurs 22nd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church *Mary Magdalene*

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 23rd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 **4.45pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sat 24th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 1.00pm Wedding of Paul Adkins and Martina Murphy

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

SUNDAY 25th *(expected service times)*

*8th Sunday after Trinity*

 7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am BCP Communion in church

 9.30am Parish Communion in church

 11.15am Parish Communion at Bygrave

 6.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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