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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

James the Apostle

Worship on Sunday 25th July 2021

**Please wear a mask when you are moving around the church until you are sitting down. Please also wear it when you are singing.**

**8am****Communion (traditional words) in church**

The return of the early morning communion service! The service will take place in the nave to begin with.

**9.30am****Parish Communion in church**

We are able to sing!! Distancing in most of the church is removed but we have designated the south aisle for those who still need to be cautious. We are working to make this worship as all age as possible. We really hope you will join us as we begin to be able to worship tall together again.

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 9.30am on Sunday or any time during the following week, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/LQuoQBeduNg>

**11.15am****Parish Communion at Bygrave**

We will be singing at this service!!

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwT1hhQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718 Passcode: 188423

*Evening Prayer is Zoomed on Monday, Thursday and Saturday (use the link above). Morning and Evening prayer are said nearly every day in church.
See Week at a Glance for details and times.*

*You are warmly invited to join the group of people who find this a valuable anchor for the day.*

 *We have worked really hard to make worship in church as inclusive as possible and as vibrant as possible whilst keeping it as safe as possible. Here are some of the precautions we are taking:*

1. We are asking people to wear their masks until they reach their pews and when they are singing or moving around.
2. We are asking you not to use the south aisle as a thoroughfare unless you are sitting there.
3. We are still keeping a record of who attends for test and trace purposes.
4. We are inviting you to offer your collection when you come in (including contactless giving) rather than bringing the plate round during the offertory hymn
5. We are not asking you to do distance from each other but to be responsible and respectful of those who still wish to do so. We will continue to share the peace with waves rather than handshakes for the time being.
6. We are re-instating the children’s corner and I will be ok to children (adults) to move around the church when they wish (avoiding the south aisle)
7. We hope to have an increased number of all age style communion until Junior Church restarts.
8. We are continuing to receive communion by walking to the priest and receiving a wafer dipped in the chalice (or just a wafer). People will also be able to receive a blessing when walking to the front as well. There will still be a general blessing afterwards for those watching on the streaming service.
9. We are hoping to serve refreshments after the service but encourage you to take your coffee outside or to a less crowded area.

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

*We are only including the readings actually used in the service in the news sheet from now on. If you would like all the readings printed out, please let us know and if there is enough demand we will reinstate them!*

**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.

**The Collect**

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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**

**Psalm 126 from ‘Songs for the Holy One’**

When the Holy One restores Zion’s fortunes,

It will be like a glorious dream.

**Our mouths will be filled with laughter**

**and our tongues with joyful shouts.**

*Refrain: The Holy One does wonderful things for us.*

Those who sowed in tears will harvest in great joy.

**Those who carried the seed went forth in tears,**

**but will surely return carrying the sheaves of harvest!** *[Refrain]*

The nations will exclaim,

“What wonderful things God has done for them”.

**The Holy One has indeed done wonders for us!**

We will be filled with ecstasy.

**O Holy One, bring back our exiles**

**Streaming through the southern desert.** *[Refrain]*

**The New Testament Reading: Acts 11:27-12:2**

27At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. 29The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; 30this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

1About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

**Hymn 88: Brother, sister, let me serve you**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

fellow trav’llers on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,

we shall find such harmony,

born of all we’ve known together

of Christ’s love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant, too.

**The Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28**

20The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. 21And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’ 22But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’ 23He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

24When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. 25But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 26It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, 27and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; 28just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

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

Whitehorse Street, Womback Yard, Tranters Mews, Alexander Court, Sun Street,

Bell Row

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,

Sheila Wadsworth

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Margaret Woods, Edith Holehouse

**Hymn 485 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing

my dear Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,

that bids our sorrows cease;

‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,

‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of cancelled sin,

he sets the pris’ner free;

his blood can make the foulest clean;

his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, list’ning to his voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe,

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,

your loosened tongues employ;

ye blind, behold your Saviour come;

and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim

and spread through all the earth abroad

the honours of thy name.

**Choir Anthem – Praise God, from whom all blessings flow (Thomas Tallis c.1505 – 85)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen, amen, amen.

**Post Communion**

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn 689 Thy hand, O God, has guided**

Thy hand, O God, has guided

thy flock, from age to age;

the wondrous tale is a written,

full clear, on ev’ry page;

our forebears owned thy goodness,

and we their deeds record;

and both of this bear witness:

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings

to greatest, as to least;

they bade them rise, and hasten

to share the great King’s feast;

and this was all the teaching,

in ev’ry deed and word,

to all alike proclaiming:

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,

through many a scene of strife,

the faithful few fought bravely

to guard the nation’s life.

Their gospel of redemption,

sin pardoned, hope restored,

was all in this enfolded:

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?

Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?

Shall we evade the conflict,

and cast away our crown?

Not so: in God’s deep counsels

some better thing is stored:

we will maintain, unflinching,

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,

nor leave thy work undone;

with thy right hand to help us,

the vict’ry shall be won;

and then by all creation,

thy name shall be adored.

And this shall be their anthem:

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

**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…**We have delivered about 80% of the leaflets. Please can you help with the last few? Very many thanks to everyone who has helped. The results are really encouraging and I think we have already passed the £12 500 point.**

**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.

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.

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

**Eco Tip Trinity 8:** It's best to water your plants in your garden/window box/pots in the early morning or late evening, so the sun doesn't just evaporate your hard work! Also, try to water directly at soil level and not over the leaves from above, for the same reason.

**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.

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 man walks into a coffee shop, places his order, and is given a huge mug. But when he tries to drink from it, he discovers the mug contains a pair of beige cotton trousers. He complains to the counter staff, but doesn't get anywhere.

So they call the manager.*"But it's exactly what you asked for,"* the manager says.

Replies the customer, *"How can this possibly be what I ordered?"*

*"It's a cup o' chinos,"* says the manager.



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.

Following the removal of most restrictions, after this week we will only be delivering the printed news sheet to those who are housebound. Thank you so much to the small dedicated band of volunteers who have been keeping themselves fit by walking round the parish delivering them for the last 18 months!

Next week’s readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16,

John 6:24-35

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 25th James the Apostle / *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

Mon 26th *Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 27th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

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

 7.30pm Open PCC meeting at Bygrave – all welcome

Wed 28th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 9.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Thurs 29th *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord*

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

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 30th *William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

1.00pm Wedding of Kelly Broderick and Mike Hackett

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Sat 31st 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 12.00pm Baptism of Ava Macpherson

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom

SUNDAY 1st *9th Sunday after Trinity*

AUGUST 7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Family Communion for Climate Sunday

 3.00pm Baptism of Brodie-Blu Aldridge and Hudson Hall

 6.00pm Evening Prayer at Bygrave

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Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’