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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

13th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 29th August 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 takes place at the High Altar.*

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

Elizabeth Bunker will be leading our worship today. We hope you will join us.

*We are able to sing!! Distancing in the church is removed but we have designated the south aisle for those who still need to be cautious.*

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/4FMOSOSVhKw>

*Morning and Evening prayer are said nearly every day in church.
See Week at a Glance for details and times.*

*Evening Prayer is Zoomed on Monday, Thursday and Saturday (use the link below).*

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

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718 Passcode: 188423

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

**Next Sunday’s worship (5th September)**

8am Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Parish Communion

12.00pm Messy Church picnic

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

551 O worship the King
629 Teach me my God and King
184 For the beauty of the earth
188 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The choir will sing a version of Psalm 15.** *The words are on the screen.*

**New Testament reading James 1: 17 - 27**

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Gospel Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23**

1When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ 6He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
 “This people honours me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;
 7in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.”’

14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ 21For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

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

California; Grosvenor Road; Martindale Court; Raban Court; Pearl Court;
Arbury Place; Mallard Court.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Martin Reed, Dick Haynes, David Dane, Alan Russell, Martyn Gray, Margaret Arthur, Tracy Copping, Karen Kynman, Jean Schurch, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Wadsworth, Shaun Trussell.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Minnie Charter, Cyril Keech, Kenneth Martin (priest), Anne West, Brendan Commons, Edith King, Phillipa Herring, Ray Wilsher, Barrie Lunnon, Alan Evens.

**Choir Anthem: Create within me a clean heart**. *The words are on the screen*

**Post Communion**

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
 where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church Appeal update

Very many thanks to everyone who has helped deliver leaflets. The results are really encouraging and we have already passed the £17,000 point.

June Crumpholt says “A very big thank you for all the cards, letters and flowers which have arrived in memory of my dear Ron. It is such a comfort to myself and to our family. Thank you.”

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.



**Bike ‘n Hike (or drive!) – Saturday 11th September**

The sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* is an annual fundraising event organised by the Beds and Herts Historic churches Trust. The aim is to raise money both for the Trust and for St Mary’s Church. It is now also possible to drive between churches so there is no excuse not to take part! Please let me know if you would like a sponsorship form and a list of participating churches (both of which can be found on their website: <http://www.b-n-h.co.uk/>) For more details, contact Alex Milne: baldockbenefice@gmail.com

Please note that, due to COVID, there are a number of restrictions in place. More details can be found on the website.

**Eco Tip Trinity 13:** Take a walk round your local park, footpaths or green spaces - it's free, healthy and connects you with nature which is so vital to our existence on our damaged and stressed planet. Then wonder what you could do to help your environment thrive.

The next **Faith Confirmed** Group will start on Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm. See the flyer to be circulated shortly for more information. 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’*. Speak to Andrew if you are interested.

**Admission to Communion:** We are running a small group for children in Year 5 or above to admit them to communion. It will run on three Sunday evenings starting on September 12th at 5pm. If you or your child would like to be part of this group and you have not already responded, please let Andrew know.

**Autumn concert** Baldock Methodist Church and Christian Initiatives in schools are hosting another concert to raise money for the CIS Schools worker. This was a really good night when it first happened a couple of pre-Covid years ago. Make a date now **Friday 17th September 7.30pm at Baldock Methodist Church.**

**Hidden Humour**

We had a race to see who could hang out the washing quickest.
It was level pegging.



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.



**The return of Tiny Tots!!**

Tiny Tots runs in church on Wednesdays at 10.30am. Do join us for Christian growth for pre-schoolers and companionship for adults!!

**Junior Choir**

Junior Choir is planned to start on September 8th.
Wednesday 4pm – 4.45pm.
Please speak to Madeleine Middleton for more details.

**Forthcoming meetings and events**

The next Community Sponsorship Team meeting is on Sunday 5th September at 5pm

The next Communion at Magdalene Court is on Monday 6th September at 10.30am

The next Baldock PCC standing Committee is on Wednesday 8th September at 7pm

The next PCC at Bygrave is on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm

The next Communion at Osbourne Court is on Thursday 9th September at 11am

The next Deanery Synod is on Thursday 9th September at 8pm

The next Choral Evensong is Sunday September 12th at 6pm

*Remember our Climate Sunday Service on 1 August?*This was one of 1600 services of all denominations solely focussed on the Climate Crisis and the concern Christians have for urgent action to save *ALL* of creation.

[**https://www.climatesunday.org**](https://www.climatesunday.org/)have organised a National Climate Sunday Service on Sunday 5 Sept from 3.30pm from Glasgow cathedral (the city where COP26 is being held in November) to bring all our voices together. Do book through Eventbrite to join in and watch this event online:

[**https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nations-climate-sunday-service-churches-prepare-for-cop-26-tickets-165258230817**](https://shoutout.wix.com/so/89NjpRnNK/c?w=j2hAr5cPl7ozJN2Gxc18hzX-k5Oq2c7tCsAd7BOhp5Y.eyJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZXZlbnRicml0ZS5jby51ay9lL25hdGlvbnMtY2xpbWF0ZS1zdW5kYXktc2VydmljZS1jaHVyY2hlcy1wcmVwYXJlLWZvci1jb3AtMjYtdGlja2V0cy0xNjUyNTgyMzA4MTciLCJyIjoiMmYwN2RjMGItOTMxYi00ZjQyLTFkYjktNjQxY2M3YjViNzBkIiwibSI6Im1haWwiLCJjIjoiMjEwNTBkYWQtOGQ4Ny00YTZmLWEyNzEtNTQxZjE5ODkyOGUwIn0)**.**

 *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 it will be ok for children (and adults) to move around the church when they wish (avoiding the south aisle)
7. We are continuing to receive communion by walking to the Eucharistic minister 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. Those in the South aisle (who are socially distanced) and those behind the streaming camera near the font are encouraged to go the Eucharistic minister at the back of church.
8. We are serving refreshments after the service but encourage you to take your coffee outside or to a less crowded area.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 29th *13th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

 9.30 Parish Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

Mon 30th *John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer AD1688* BANK HOLIDAY
 8.00pm Monday Home Group

Tues 31st *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, AD651*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed Sept 1st 9.30am Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

 10.30am Tiny Tots

Thurs 2nd *Term starts for St Mary’s School children*
8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 3rd *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, AD604*

Sat 4th 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUNDAY 5th *13th Sunday after Trinity*

 7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion

 12.00pm Messy church picnic

 3.00pm Baptism of Ralph Kilcullen

 5.00pm Community Sponsorship Team meeting

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in Baldock

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.

Next week’s readings:
Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a; Psalm 146; James2: 1 – 10, 14 – 17; Mark 7: 24 - 37

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