



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



“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”

15th Sunday after Trinity Worship on Sunday 12th September 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 at the High Altar.

9.30am

Parish Communion

and baptism of Gareth Lees and JUNIOR CHURCH

We hope you will join us. We are able to sing!! We are delighted that **Junior Church** has restarted. It begins in church with the whole congregation before leaving for children's activities in the hall. 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/dwntvAXHG-0>

11.00am

Parish Communion at Bygrave

Village worship in a beautiful setting. All Welcome. Please note the slightly earlier start. All welcome.

6.00pm

Choral Evensong (at Baldock)

Join us for beautiful, evocative worship at the end of the day.



*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=MVVDeINMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTlhQQT09>

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 (19th September)

8am Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Communion for All Ages



Prayers and readings for this Sunday

Hymns:

305 I danced in the morning

227 God of mercy, God of grace

419 Shine Jesus shine

715 We have a dream

752 Will you come and follow me

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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
9.30AM SERVICE

The New Testament Reading James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the

pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel Mark 8:27-end

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end**

Response to Blessing of water

Lord of life

renew your creation

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish:
Arlwood Mews, Riddell Gardens, Simpson Court, Simpson Drive, Thurnall Close,
The Twitchell.

Those in need of healing:

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

Those who have died recently:

Dick Haynes

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Mavis Bottomley, Joseph Carroll, Kitty King, Bert Harvey, John Flack, Leonard Dashwood

Choir Anthem: Take up your cross. *The words are on the screen*

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church Appeal update

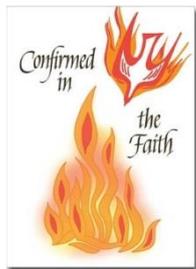
Very many thanks to everyone who has helped deliver leaflets. The results are really encouraging and we have already passed the £17,000 point.



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.



Eco Tip Trinity 15: Find out what's going on near you for the Climate Coalition's Action **Great Big Green Week 18-26 Sept** or why not create your own event to celebrate action on the Climate Crisis and add it to the national list! <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>



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 tonight 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.**



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.

Can you help with Junior Church? Junior Church runs two or three times a month, and takes place during the 9.30am service, when primary school age children are invited to go to the hall for some age appropriate worship activities. In order to make this viable, we need some more volunteers to assist with Junior Church (two adults are required each time). Please let Sharon Wiltshire or Andrew know if you can help.

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 runs each Wednesday 4pm – 4.45pm. Please speak to Madeleine Middleton for more details.

The next Friends of St Marys Committee meeting is on Saturday 18th Sept at 10.15am
The next Baldock PCC is on Monday 20th September at 7.30pm



Harvest Festival

Baldock Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 26th September at our 9.30am Parish Communion Service with Junior Church

Bygrave Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 10th October at 11am at Family Worship

Do join us for one of these We will be collecting for the Food Bank and the Night Shelter in Hitchin. More details about what they need and about the Harvest Appeal for each church next week.

Messy Church will be serving food from October! The next Messy church will be at the new time of **11.45am** and will meet



in the hall. Details of how to book a place, the menu and the theme available soon. Messy Church is about having fun with the whole family! There will be crafts, activities and games and the whole thing will involve worship for the whole family. No Charge—donations welcome.

Letchworth Christian Bookshop are struggling to stay afloat financially. Their weekly takings have halved since March 2020. They are a really good Christian witness and resource for the local area and as a Church we try to purchase as much as we can from them. They provide a brilliant service. It would be a tragedy if they had to close.

There are two ways you can help:

1. Use them as much as possible in the knowledge that you are helping to keep a Christian presence on the High Street
2. Become a volunteer helper for a few hours each week. Pop into the shop and make yourself known if you would like to do this.



**Climate
Sunday**

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> 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>.

Hidden Humour

As a punishment I was once made to answer a difficult question while riding up and down the elevator.

It was wrong on so many levels.

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.

Next week's readings: Wisdom 1:16-2.1, 12-22, Psalm 54, James 3:13-4.3, 7-8a, Mark 9.30-37

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY 12 th	<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	7.20am Morning Prayer in church
	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Choir and Baptism of Gareth Lees
	11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave
	3.00pm Baptism of Ryan Challis
	5.00pm Admission to Communion meeting
	6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer at Baldock
Mon 13 th	8.20am Morning Prayer in church
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tues 14 th	8.20am Morning Prayer in church
	2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)
Wed 15 th	9.30am Holy Communion (Robert Evens)
	10.30am Tiny Tots
	4.00pm Junior Choir practice
Thurs 16 th	8.20am Morning Prayer in church
	4.15pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.45pm Choir practice
Fri 17 th	7.30pm Autumn concert at Baldock Methodist Church
Sat 18 th	9.30am Morning Prayer in church
	10.15am FOSM committee meeting on Zoom
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church
SUNDAY 19 th	<i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>
	7.20am Morning Prayer in church
	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.30am Communion for All Ages
	3.00pm Baptism of Theo Bunce
	5.00pm Admission to Communion meeting
	6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

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