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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

16th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 19th 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 takes place at the High Altar.*

**9.30am****Communion for All Ages**We hope you will join us. *We are able to sing!! Lots of activities to engage
all ages. Learn a comforting bible verse response to the accompaniment of
bongos! Design a sawdust cross and empty tomb on the floor of the church.
Relate Jesus to your everyday life. 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/dkGDUYYWbnQ>

*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 (26th September) HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8am Communion (traditional words)

9.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Communion with Junior church

11am Parish Communion at Bygrave

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

28 A man there lived in Galilee
590 Seek ye first (Music Group)
380 Led like a lamb (Music Group)
572 Praise to the holiest (Richmond)

**The Collect**

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives’ end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The New Testament Reading James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a**

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

1Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God, and he’ll draw near to you.

**The Gospel Mark 9:30-37**

30They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ 32But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. 33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ 34But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ 36Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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

Park Close, Park Gardens, Mansfield Road, Walkers Court, Payens Corner, Elm Park.

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

Beryl Dungey, Gladys Smith, Victoria Nice, Betty Beech, Anne Dashwood, Bob Thompson

**Choir Anthem There's a wideness in God's mercy' (Maurice Bevan)**

**Post Communion**

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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 16:** Try and mention eco things you are doing personally in various conversations eg if you are chatting about gardening, mention how useful it is to have a water butt or good for the bees to have a patch of native flowers: little by little hopefully more people will be inspired to do eco things themselves. Don't underestimate people power!

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.

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.

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**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. We will also be having a cash appeal to supporters the country of Haiti after their horrific issues this summer.

**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.

**Hidden Humour**

I am so perfect...

... I only have four flaws.

1) I lack humility.

b) I'm inconsistent.

Finally, I can't count.

 *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: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16,24-29, Psalm 19:7-end, James 5:13-end, Mark 9:38-end

**CCLI number: 752089**

The next Baldock PCC is on Monday 20th September at 7.30pm

The next Bygrave PCC is on Monday 27th September at 7.30pm

A date for your diary…

A Musical Evening at St Mary’s Church

Saturday 2nd October at 7.30pm

A series of pieces by KTS staff past and present

Free entrance and retiring collection

Do come and join us! More details to follow.

**Messy Church will be serving food from October!** The next Messy church will be on October 3rd 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.

*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)**.**

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 19th *16th Sunday after Trinity*

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

Mon 20th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 4.15pm Bells practice at Weston

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tues 21st 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 22nd8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

 10.30am Tiny Tots

 4.00pm Junior choir

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

 7.30pm Faith Confirmed at Rectory

Thurs 23rd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group (contact Katrina)

 2.00pm Funeral of Dick Haynes RIP

 **6.00pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Choir practice

Fri 24th 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Sat 25th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

SUNDAY 26th *17th Sunday after Trinity*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Harvest Festival & Parish Communion with Junior Church

 11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave 5.00pm Admission to Communion Group meets at Rectory 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and be servant of all

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