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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

17th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 26th 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)**

*The return of the early morning communion service! The service will takes place at the High Altar.*

**9.30am****Harvest Festival with Junior Church** We hope you will join us. Thank God for the wonderful
eation he has given us and pray for the ability to preserve it. Sing
 much loved Harvest hymns. **Bring non-perishable Harvest Offerings for the Food bank and the Hitchin night shelter** and make an offering to our Harvest appeal for Haiti (see info leaflet) *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/l1HP8hIuR9U>

**11am****Parish Communion at Bygrave**

*You’re very welcome to join us for Parish Communion in a village setting.*

*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, Wednesday and Thursday (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 (3rd October)**

8am Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Parish Communion

11.45am Messy church in the church hall

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

133 Come ye thankful people come
392 Let us with a gladsome mind
719 We plough the fields and scatter
184 For the beauty of the earth

**The Collect**

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

**Psalm 126 (the words are in the orange hymnbook – hymn 73)**

**The New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 6: 6 - 10**

6There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

**The Gospel Matthew 6: 25 – 33**

Jesus said to his disciples: 25‘Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? 31Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” 32For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

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

Aldridge Court, Jackson Street, Orchard Road, Meeting House Lane, Mulberry Court, Vintage Court.

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 whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Francis ‘Pop’ Bourne, Alistair Peters, Margaret Hepburn, Gladys Kingsley

**Choir Anthem: 'Let us, with a gladsome mind' by Sydney H. Nicholson**

**Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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 £19,000 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 17:** Why not have a "Use up left over veg" day towards the end of each week, throwing veg into a pot to make soup or a casserole, adding herbs or spices and some beans or lentils for protein, before you waste the old veg a few days later because it has gone mouldy at the back of the fridge. Food waste contributes greatly to climate change- rotting fruit and veg produces methane which contributes to global overheating, plus any produce wasted means that  the energy , fertilisers and water used to grow those  crops has been completely wasted too.

The next **Faith Confirmed** Group has just begun. See the flyer 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. It’s not too late to join. 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.

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

**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.

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

Next week’s readings: Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

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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 Knights Templar School staff past and present**

Performers include:

Peter Chapman, Paul Herring, Mike O’Neill, David Bullen, Adrian Cosker, Rachel Thomas, Heather Johnson, Bob Cummings.

Featuring a varied programme of music from Baroque to Blues and songs from the shows.

Free entrance and retiring collection. Pay bar.

To ensure a seat, advance ticket booking is advisable:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-musical-event-tickets-176122496127>



Do come and join us!

**Hidden Humour**

It's Harvest Sunday at a small village church in rural England and the vicar is organizing his annual harvest service where people bring their home-grown plants and vegetables to the service.

But this year is different. The local village cricket team has just won their league and the village is in a celebratory mood so the vicar decides to do something special - he will combine the normal harvest service with a cricket theme.

The day of the service arrives and the church is filled with flowers. People are bringing in their offerings of vegetables, and in the middle of the display is a cricket wicket, a strip of turf with a set of wooden stumps at each end, and people are laying their offerings on the wicket. Everything is going fine until one lady comes up to the front of the church and places a bag of frozen peas among the other vegetables. She is stopped by the vicar and returns to her seat still clutching her peas.

*"What happened?"* asked the lady she's sitting next to.

She shrugs her shoulders and says, *"There's no peas for the wicket."*

**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 26th *17th Sunday after Trinity*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Harvest Festival and 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

Mon 27th *Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists, 1660*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm Bygrave PCC

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 28th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 29th  *Michael and All Angels*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

 10.30am Tiny Tots

 4.00pm Junior Choir practice

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 7.30pm Faith Confirmed at Rectory

Thurs 30th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior Choir practice

Sat 2nd 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

OCTOBER 7.30pm A musical evening concert by past & present KTS staff

Sun 3rd *18th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion (Robert Evens)

 9.30am Parish Communion (Robert Evens)

 11.45am Messy Church meets in hall

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