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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

19th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 10th October 2021

**WEARING FACE MASKS IS OPTIONAL BUT PLEASE BE SENSITIVE TO OTHER PEOPLE NEAR YOU WHO MAY WISH TO DISTANCE.**

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

*A simple peaceful start to the day! The service will takes place at the High Altar.*

**9.30am****Parish Communion and Junior Church**The Church family worshipping together. Today the Junior Choir
accompanies our worship for the first time. *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/WXGssCdDgEE>

**11.00am****Harvest Festival Family Worship at Bygrave**

Worship for all ages in a village church setting. Please bring
non-perishable goods to give to the Food bank. Familiar Harvest Hymns
plus activities and prayers suitable for all ages. Those who wish to
distance are invited to sit in the rear rows.

*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 (17th October)**

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Communion for all ages

3.00pm Baptism of Ben Barton

6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

450 Morning has broken
227 God of mercy, God of grace
29 Amazing Grace
332 I the Lord of sea and sky

**The Collect**

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The New Testament reading Hebrews 4: 12 – end**

**12**The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13**And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.**14**Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. **15**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been testedas we are, yet without sin. **16**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**The Gospel Mark 10: 17 – 31**

17As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ 18Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ 20He said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ 27Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’ 28Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ 29Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age –  houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

Osbourne Court, Astonia House, Elmwood Court, Heath Hall, Pepper Court,

The Orchard

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

Dorothy Rudd, Alec Page, Juny Dando

**Post Communion**

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Planned Giving renewal 2021**

Our annual review of planned giving will take place at the end of October. We have been incredibly blessed by the generosity and Christian commitment of a large number of people who have enabled us to survive the effects of the pandemic much better than most. However we cannot afford to be complacent and we still expect to have a deficit at the end of the year. If you have not yet joined the growing band of people who support the Church by a commitment to regular giving or if you were not able to increase last year (or if you have just won the lottery), would you be able to pledge (or increase) a regular amount?

**Remembering those we love who have died**

*All Souls’ Day is on Tuesday 2nd November. We have a sung requiem communion service at 7.30pm*. Many of you know this is the service where we light candles as we come up to communion as a way or emphasizing that we are sharing in a heavenly banquet with all those already in the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

*We have our annual service* **In Loving memory…** *on Sunday 21st November at 3pm.* This is the service where we invite anyone who is bereaved to come and remember. We rededicate the book of remembrance and offer Christian hope that death is not the end but only the beginning.

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 19:** Get some much needed hope and be inspired that humans can help restore our damaged planet by watching The Earthshot Prize on BBC1 Sundays at 6:05pm. The UK's stunning rewilding on the Knepp estate in Sussex was featured in the first programme (3rd Oct) - Eco systems can be restored very quickly when the will and money is there!

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.

**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**

The church council met to discuss the rector’s pay for the coming year. After the meeting the chair of council told the rector:
“We are very sorry, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year.”

“But you must give me a raise,” said the rector, “I am but a poor preacher!”

“l know,” the council chair said. “We hear you every Sunday.”



**Messy Church is now serving food** starting at the new time of **11:45am**, meeting in the hall. Please book places via our new email address: messychurchbaldock@gmail.com to help us cater.

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.

**The next date is Sunday November 7th at 11.45am**

**Operation Christmas child shoeboxes.**

****Boxes and leaflets on what to put in them will be available at the back of church shortly (or you can provide your own shoebox).  This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas by giving a present to a child you will never meet who will get very little in the way of Christmas blessings otherwise.  It has a tremendous feel-good factor!  The leaflet provides full details and enables you to barcode your box so that you know to what town and what country your shoebox will have travelled.

**We need the boxes back by Sunday 14th November at the latest.**

**Advent Calendars:**

Real Advent calendars with the Christmas story on the front instead of a mythical cartoon character.  They cost £4.50 each.  Fairtrade chocolate and price includes a donation to charity.  Also includes a little booklet with the whole of the Christmas story to tell your children.  Make sure it means something!  Get yours today from church!

The **Harvest appeal** **for Haiti** is open today for the last time.  I hope you all saw the information leaflet sent out last week.  You can give in church or directly online through Christian Aid at:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/haiti-earthquake-appeal>

To find out more about the appalling situation in Haiti go to:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/haiti-earthquake-appeal>

So far we have raised in the region of £350.  Thank you so much for your generosity. (If you give online and let Andrew know, we can include it in this figure in future weeks).

The next **Choral Evensong** is on Sunday 24th October at 6pm

**Events at Bygrave:**

**Sunday 10th October – Bygrave Harvest Festival**

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

**Friday 12th November - Hog Roast at Bygrave** (raising money for Herts Young Homeless). More details soon but book the ate in your diary. All welcome!!



**Update from Jan Walker**

Jan Walker has let us know that she has moved to Stanground in Peterborough. Speak to Andrew if you would like her new contact details.

The next service at Osbourne Court is on Thurs 21st October at 10.30am

The next PCC standing committee is on Monday 1st October at 7pm

Next week’s readings: Isaiah 53:4-end, Psalm 91:9-end, Hebrews 5: 1-10,

Mark 10: 35-45

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 10th *19th Sunday after Trinity*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church

11.00am Family Worship and Harvest Festival Bygrave (preacher Katrina)

6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 11th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group (contact Emma)

Tues 12th *Wilfred, bishop, missionary, 709*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 13th  *Edward the Confessor, king, 1066*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

 10.30am Tiny Tots

 4.00pm Junior choir

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

 7.30pm Faith Confirmed at Rectory

Thurs 14th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
**4.30pm** Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

Fri 15th *Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582*

Sat 16th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

SUNDAY 17th *20th Sunday after Trinity*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Communion for all ages 3.00pm Baptism of Ben Barton

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword

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