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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

20th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 17th 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****Communion for All Ages**The Church family worshipping together. God’s loves reaches everyone
 from the youngest to the oldest.
*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/BsSlE3sOQEc>

*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 (24th October)**

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church
 and Baptism of Harriet Wiltshire

3.00pm Baptism of Rosie and Summa Dowle

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

6.00pm Choral Evensong

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

352 Jesus is Lord
711 We believe in God the Father (Music Group)
195 The servant king (Music Group)
Lead me Lord
565 Praise my soul the King of heaven

**The Collect**

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The New Testament reading Hebrews 5: 1 – 10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2**He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; **3**and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. **4**And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. **5**So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; **6**as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ **7**In the days of his flesh, Jesusoffered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8**Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; **9**and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, **10**having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**The Gospel Mark 10: 35 – 45**

**35**James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ **36**And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ **37**And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ **38**But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ **39**They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; **40**but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’ **41**When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. **42**So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. **43**But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, **44**and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. **45**For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

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

Chilvers Bank, Hilltop, The Leas, The Rise, St Mary’s Way, The Glade

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:
Sheila Quinn

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Janet Palmer

**Choir Anthem Lead me Lord**

**Post Communion**

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through 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 20:** Join in with #BillionSeedChallenge, coordinated by Together <https://together.org.uk/2021/09/13/billionseedchallenge/>  in the run up to COP26 to help flower up our local communities- lots of charities and organistions are part of this campaign already!

**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**

As the preacher greeted the congregation at the door after the service, a woman confided, “That was a very good sermon.”

Modestly, the preacher replied, “Oh, I have to give the credit to the Holy Spirit.”

“Well,” she answered, “it wasn’t *that* good!”

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.



**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 are available at the back of church (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.  £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!

**Haiti Harvest Appeal**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Haiti Harvest Appeal. We have raised at least £380 plus other donations I may not be aware of.

Invitation to Harvest Supper Hog Roast

Friday 12th November from 6-9pm

St Margaret’s Bygrave are holding a hog roast for their Harvest Festival on Friday 12th November from 6 – 9pm in the farmyard at Bygrave, raising money for Herts Young Homeless. Tractor and trailer rides and cake stall etc Adults £10, children £5. Enquiries to Lorraine Northern, 07973 342616 or sign the list in Baldock church (or ask Andrew for more details which are also available on the flyer.)

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

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

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

The next service at Magdalene Court is on Monday 1st November at 10.30am

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The next Friends of St Mary’s Committee meeting is on Saturday 6th November at 10.15am

**Music Therapy**

If you are interested in Music Therapy for people with dementia and their carers please see the poster in church. The sessions are starting at the Howard memorial hall in Letchworth on Mondays at 1.40pm.

**Christmas Tree Festival (Sat 4th Dec – Sun 5th Dec)**

Christmas Tree Festival: forms are available at the back of church. Please take one if you would like to enter a tree or crib.

Sparkling wine / champagne: do you have a bottle of sparkling wine or champagne you could donate for the raffle prizes?

Rotas: are out at the back of church. We really need your help to make the weekend a success which means as many hands as possible during the weekend. If you can spare an hour or two, please sign the rota.

The Hampers list is also at the back of church. If you can donate something festive for one of the hampers, **or an actual hamper,** please sign your name next to the item, ensuring that you deliver it by Sunday 1st December.

Raffle tickets: Available soon - please take some and sell them to your friends and family. We are sourcing some great prizes!

Tower Trips: If you can help with a shift on the tower during the Christmas Tree Festival (Saturday 4th Dec only), please get in touch with Paul MacArthur at stmarystowertrips@gmail.com He needs lots of volunteers in order to make it viable to open the tower that day. Please help if you can

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Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-end, Mark 10:46-end

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 17th *20th Sunday after Trinity*

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

Mon 18th *Luke the Evangelist*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

5.30pm Evening Prayer in church

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 19th *Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 20th 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 21st 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Communion at Osbourne Court

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 22nd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening prayer in church

Sat 23rd Half-Term starts today

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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