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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

All Saints’ Day

Worship on Sunday 31st October 2021

**The clocks change today.
Come to church an hour later!!**

**FACE MASKS ARE 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**

 Celebrate the amazing Christian truth that we are all chosen to follow Jesus and, as part of his Body of saints on earth, are called to shine with his light in the world in the same way as the saints in heaven shine in the reflected glory of Jesus
 *We have designated the south aisle for those who still need to be cautious.*

*PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PLANNED GIVING LETTER FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH TODAY. If there are any others left at the end which you could deliver that would be really helpful.*

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/T-YHPdMSYDc>

*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 (7th November)**

*7.20am Morning Prayer in church*

**8.00am Holy Communion (traditional words)**

**9.30am Parish Communion**

**11.45am Messy Church in the hall**

*6.00pm Evening Prayer in church*

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

In Christ alone (on sheet)
177 For all the saints (selected verses on sheet))
758 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
876 O when the saints

**Collect**

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**New Testament reading: Revelation 21: 1 - 6**

**1**I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
 ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.’

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ 6Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

**The Gospel: John 11: 32 - 44**

**32**When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ 37But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.’ 40Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

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

Open spaces and footpaths. All new build and converted properties.

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, Shaun Trussell, Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Wadsworth,

Those who have died recently:
Jean Schurch, Gareth Morgan

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Tim Reed, Mary Sykes, James Freeth, Tom Camp, Jack Browne, Vera Davies,
Richard Elves

**Choir Anthem The eternal gifts of Christ the King**

**Post Communion**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
 as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Planned Giving renewal 2021**

*Today we launch our annual review of giving. We were blessed last year with a remarkable and very generous increase in giving which combined with some wonderful one-off donations saved us from being in a very dangerous financial situation.* We are profoundly grateful and humbled by a congregation of people who allow God to influence the generous decisions they make. *This year we are in a much stronger position but still looking at a* **deficit of £12 000** *mainly because of the effects of Covid continuing. We will also be faced with a hike in fuel prices in the near future.* **Can we ask you to read the letter you will receive and consider what God is calling you to do?**

**Remembering those we love who have died**

*All Souls’ Day is on Tuesday 2nd November. We have a sung requiem communion service* **now at 8.00pm**. 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.

If there are people you would like remembered by name in our service, please sign the list at the back of church

*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.

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

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

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

The next Community Sponsorship Team meeting will be on Sunday 14th November at 5pm in the church hall

We are beginning to make more definite plans for the mission next year. More details soon. **EXCITING NEWS: WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT OUR FIRST TWO SPEAKERS ARE COMING.** Please keep praying for this exciting and important initiative. We are planning the mission around the theme of God’s creation and climate change.

**Friends of St Mary’s ‘Thank You’ Reception:** A very big ‘Thank you’ to everyone for the wonderful support we received for our recent campaign to raise funds for essential repairs to the central aisle roof. Your generosity and positive response has led to contributions of £18,250 towards this stage of the restoration project. This is an exceptional result and is thanks to all the individuals, groups and organisations who made their contributions.

**The Friends of St Mary’s  are pleased to invite everyone to join them in a celebratory event to be held in St Mary’s Church on Friday 3 December from 6pm to 8pm.** This will be an informal social evening offering a special preview of the Christmas Tree Festival before its official opening the following day. Entry will be free, with complementary canapés and mince pies and a selection of drinks available from a pay bar. We look forward to seeing you then to join the celebration !
The Friends of St Mary’s Committee

**Eco Tip for All Saints’ Sunday:** Thinking of light in the darkness:  Have you switched to low energy bulbs (including outside lights)? Could you ask your employer to do the same? It will save energy and also money on your bills : win-win!

**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.



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.

**Hidden Humour**

A man was galloping down the road. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground.

In the dirt with a broken leg, he called out, “All you saints in Heaven, help me get up on my horse!”

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse’s back and fell off the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to Heaven, “All right, just half of you this time!”



**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**

**The menu is hot dogs, chips and beans and the themes is about All Saints’**

**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!

Next week’s readings: Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10; Psalm 62: 5 – 12; Hebrews 9: 24 – end; Mark 1: 14 - 20

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.)

**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 the last Sunday in November.

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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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 31st *All Saints’ Sunday* CLOCKS CHANGE TODAY
7.20am Morning Prayer in church
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church
6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 1st Nov *All Saints’ Day
St Mary’s schools return today*8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court
3.45pm Evening Prayer in church
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
7.00pm PCC Standing Committee at Rectory
8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 2nd *All Souls’ Day*
8.40am Morning Prayer in church
2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church
8.00pm Requiem communion for All Souls’ day

Wed 3rd *Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, AD 1600*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 4th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

Sat 6th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church
10.15am Friends of St Mary’s Committee meeting in hall
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUNDAY 7th *Third Sunday before Advent*7.20am Morning Prayer in church
8.00am Holy Communion (Preacher: Katrina)
9.30am Parish Communion (Preacher: Katrina)
11.45am Messy church in hall
6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

‘Unbind him, and let him go.’