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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

18th Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 3rd October 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****Parish Communion**We hope you will join us. We welcome the Rev’d Robert Evens who is leading our woeship today. *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/Ewqau5gI3Og>

**11.45am****Messy Church in the church hall**

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our new email address: messychurchbaldock@gmail.com to help us cater.

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*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 (10th October)**

8am Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

11.00am Harvest Festival at Bygrave

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

755 Ye holy angels bright
77 Blest are the pure in heart
411 Lord Jesus Christ
Anthem: 'I give you a new commandment' by Peter Aston (b.1938)
511 O Lord my God

**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**The Old Testament reading Genesis 2:18-24**

18The LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ 19So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ 24Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**The New Testament reading** **Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, 8subjecting all things under their feet.’ Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

**The Gospel Mark 10:2-16**

2Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ 3He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ 4They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ 5But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” 7“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11Jesus said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Hurst Close, Iredale View, Jeve Close, Rivett Close

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

Florrie Ager, William Gray, Nancy Palmer, David Finney, Dorothy Layton

**Choir Anthem** **'I give you a new commandment' by Peter Aston (b.1938)**
I give you a new commandment: love one another;

As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

**Post Communion**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

**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?

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 18:** Eco Justice - If you can afford it, try and buy FairTrade goods as often as you can: bananas, chocolate, tea, coffee and many more, as this gives people in the poorer Global South fair wages creating a more equal and more sustainable world as a whole. Look at Traidcraft and Oxfam for more products.

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.

**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 oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.**

Surprise, surprise!
It was an Apple,
but with limited memory.
Just one byte,
and everything crashed.



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The **Harvest appeal** **for Haiti** is open for the next two weeks.  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 £270.  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.

Next week’s readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-end, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 3rd *18th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion (Robert Evens)

 9.30am Parish Communion (Robert Evens)

 11.45am Messy church meets in hall

Mon 4th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 5th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 6th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion

 10.30am Tiny Tots

 4.00pm Junior choir

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thurs 7th **8.30am** Morning Prayer in church
10.30am Thursday Home Group (contact Katrina)

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

Sat 9th 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

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