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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Second Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

Worship on Sunday 14th November 2021

**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**

Today’s communion service includes laying a wreath at the church war
memorial. Join us as we unite heaven and earth in the sacred meal of bread and wine.
*We have designated the south aisle for those who still need to be cautious.*

If you do not wish to be visible on the streaming service please sit in the north aisle of the church nearest the organ. 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/2krsck6WRyg>

**10.50am****Family Worship at Bygrave
 for Remembrance Sunday**

Worship for all ages including 2 minutes silence at 11am.

*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 (21st November)**

*7.20am Morning Prayer in church*

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

**9.30am Communion for All Ages**

**3.00pm In Loving Memory … (a service for all who are bereaved)**

*6.00pm Evening Prayer in church*

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

494 O God our help in ages past
173 Finish the strife
153 Eternal Father strong to save
372 Judge eternal throned in splendour

**The Collect**

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 Daniel 12:1-3**

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 1‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.’

**Psalm 16 I set the Lord before my eyes**

I set the Lord before my eyes, and look in longing to him;

Christ calls me daily to arise from fear and anxious striving.

At my right hand he always moves, the path through darkened places shows,

his hold is firm, consoling.

The One who takes the fear of death turns darkness into dawning;

my spirit and my mind give birth to praises fresh each morning.

All nightly fears will now depart, for hope secure within the heart

is found with Christ’s appearing.

**The Gospel Mark 13:1-8**

1As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ 2Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ 5Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.’

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

London Road, Anchor Road, Turpins Way, Byrd Walk, Pryor Road, Ivel Way

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, Timothy Growns, Stuart Hodges, Peter Goodchild.

Those who have died recently:
Gareth Morgan, Allan Oldroyd

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Kenneth Cairns, Len Bye, Wilf Jolley

**Choir Anthem: 'God be in my head' (Hymn 211 in hymn book)**

**Post Communion**God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Planned Giving renewal 2021**

*Please return your planned giving letter response quickly and thank you to those who have already returned theirs.* The reason we are able to be so active in our Christian faith is because so many of you commit so generously to give regularly. This enables us to plan and follow what we feel Christ is calling us to do.*.* 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.*

*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. **EXCITING NEWS: WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT OUR FIRST TWO SPEAKERS ARE COMING.** *(More details in a week or two)*. Please keep praying for this exciting and important initiative. We are planning the mission around the theme of God’s creation and climate change.

Meetings:

The next Community Sponsorship Team meeting will be on Sun 14th Nov at 5pm in the hall

The next PCC meeting at Baldock will be on Mon 22nd Nov at **7.45pm**  in the hall

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.

**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

**Have you made a will?**  It's a responsible thing to have done so.  Without it, your nearest and dearest face a lot of delay and frustration if they are sorting out your affairs.  **St Mary's benefit enormously from will bequests.**In fact last year it was one of the major reasons we managed to stay afloat.  I warmly encourage you to make sure your will is up to date and to think about which charities you would like to benefit from any donations you make.  If you need any more information or advice, have a word with Andrew.



On Sunday 28th November we celebrate the beginning of Advent with the amazingly atmospheric Advent Festival of Carols at 6pm. Do join us for a wonderful start to the season.

**Eco Tip 2 before Advent:** As we remember those killed in wars, why not plant a tree or flower as a memorial and to bring hope and new life into the world

**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.



**The next Messy Church is on Sunday December 5th** at **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.

**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 (today!) at the latest.**

For those of you who missed by evening on my last sabbatical bike ride, I am repeating it at Deanery Synod in Baldock Church Hall on Monday December 6th at 8pm. All welcome.

**From Guinness to Chablis**

A pilgrimage by bike following in the steps of St Columbanus.  An entertaining account of a ride from Rosslaire to Belfast to St Malo to the Loire Valley to Luxeuil in the Vosges mountains (containing photos, a travelogue, a bit of spirituality and Guinness, wine and cheese).  What has a 5th Century, Celtic, bad tempered monk got to teach us about life in the 21st Century?  Come and discover some surprising conclusions!  All welcome - non-alcoholic options available!

**Hidden Humour**

The construction worker was discharged after being accused vandalising the building he was working on.
There just wasn’t any concrete evidence.

Next week’s readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13,14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

**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

**“Lockdown to Freedom” – An Evening of Poetry and Songs**

**Friday 26th November at St Mary’s Church Hall 18.30 – 22.00**

All proceeds to the Baldock Futures Fund (giving today for Baldock’s tomorrow)

Your ticket will include:

* a copy of “Lockdown to Freedom”
* a two course supper (with choice of first course)
* songs written and sung by Brian Burke
* poems written and read by those who are bereaved or affected by Covid19.
* A pay bar and raffle.

Adults - £20 from Community Centre (£22.15 - Eventbrite)

Under 18s - £6.00 from Community Centre (£7.06 - Eventbrite)

Eventbrite link- https:/tinyurl.com/BFF26nov

 Please phone 07815308124 for further information

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 14th *2nd Sunday before Advent*7.20am Morning Prayer in church
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

 10.50am Family Service for Remembrance Sunday at Bygrave
11.00am Act of Remembrance at war memorial

 5.00pm Community Sponsorship Team Meeting in hall
6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 15th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 16th 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 17th *Hugh, bishop,1200*

9.30am Holy Communion (Mike Leverton)10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior Choir
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thurs 18th *Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

SUNDAY 21st *Christ the King*7.20am Morning Prayer in church
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion for all Ages and Admission to Communion

 3.00pm In Loving Memory…

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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