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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Christ the King

Worship on Sunday 21st 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****Communion for All Ages and
 Admission to Communion**

We are delighted the Junior Choir are singing to us today. And we are also delighted to be admitting Katherine Barry and Brodie Beedell to communion. Our theme is about Christ the King. What sort of a King is he? And what does that mean for us? Come and find out and share in his Kingly banquet 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/oToYd5-qaYU>



**3.00pm****In Loving Memory …**

A service to offer Christian hope and support to all who
are bereaved. We rededicate the Book of Remembrance,
 sing favourite hymns and pray by name for all who have
died in the last year. We end with tea and biscuits and a chance to chat.

*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 (28th November)**

*7.20am Morning Prayer in church*

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional words)

9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

6.00pm Advent Festival of Carols

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

438 Make way make way

436 Majesty

648 The King is among us

Junior Choir: King of kings and Lord of lords

Adult anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

104 Christ triumphant

**The Collect**

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
**Amen**

**Junior Choir anthem: King of kings**

**The Old Testament Reading Revelation 1: 4b – 8**

4Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. *To him who loves us and freed us* from our sins by his blood, 6and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
*7Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;*
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

8‘*I am the Alpha and the Omega’*, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The Gospel John 18:33-37**

33Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ 34Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ 35Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ 36Jesus answered, ‘*My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.* But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ 37Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

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

Alder Close, The Rowans, Holroyd Crescent, Park Crescent, Park Drive.

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:
Allan Oldroyd

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Margaret Harradine, Cecil Boniface, Joan Smithers, Stanley Eastwick, Vera Camp

**Senior Choir anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

**Post Communion**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**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.*

*Today at 3pm we hold our annual service* **In Loving memory…**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.

**Toy Service:** Each year we collect new unwrapped toys to give to families that are really struggling to afford the expense of Christmas. They are distributed by a local children’s centre. If you would like to contribute a toy, please bring it by Sun 5th Dec. If you can provide wrapping paper for it to be wrapped in later, so much the better.

Meetings:

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

The next United Almshouses Trustees meeting will be on Mon 29th Nov at 6pm 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 Christ the King :** Try and get into the habit of asking yourself two questions when shopping: 1. Do I really need to buy this?  2. Is there a more sustainable alternative? (both mean "Can I do my bit to stop humans massively trashing our planet / God's creation?")

**Hazel and Martin Frost’s latest Newsletter** will be circulated with this News Sheet.

**Hidden Humour**

Simba was always the last of the pride to get out of bed.  He was the lie-in king.

**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.

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**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.

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!

Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25: 1-9, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36

**Christmas Tree Festival rota - we still need lots of help on the rota. please sign the list if you can spare an hour or two.**

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

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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 now at the back of church - 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**

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8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Communion for all Ages and Admission to Communion

 3.00pm In Loving Memory…

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 22nd 8.40am Morning Prayer in church
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom and in church

7.45pm PCC in hall
8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 23rd *Clement, bishop, martyr, c.100*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 24th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior Choir
4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

7.30pm Faith Confirmed at Rectory

Thurs 25th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

10.00am Thursday Home Group on Zoom (contact Katrina)
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior Choir

Fri 26th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

Sat 27th 3.00pm Baptism of Arthur Chadwick

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 28th *1st Sunday of Advent*7.20am Morning Prayer in church
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

 11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

 3.00pm Baptism of Erin Kimpton

6.00pm Advent Festival of Carols

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