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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Worship on Sunday 16th January 2022

**FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT DIRECTION: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT.**

**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**

This Sunday, Emma Wilkinson will be preaching on the Wedding at Cana and encouraging us to follow Mary’s advice to the servants at the wedding to do whatever Jesus tells us to do and to see what can happen when we do.

*We have designated the south aisle for those who wish 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 Communion for All Ages in your own home**

Take part online either at 9.30am on Sunday or any time during the following week, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/RaN7idQSK2U>

*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 the days in Week at a Glance (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** 23rd January 2022

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional words) (Mike Leverton)

9.30am Parish Communion (Mike Leverton)

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave (Robert Evens)

6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

305 I danced in the morning
298 I am a new creation
 At Cana’s wedding
Anthem: Spirit of Holiness
766 You shall go out with joy

**The Collect**

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

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 New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 1- 11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2**You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. **3**Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. **4**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5**and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8**To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11**All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**The Gospel John 2: 1 - 11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2**Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3**When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ **4**And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ **5**His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ **6**Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7**Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. **8**He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. **9**When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10**and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ **11**Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Willian Way, Clare Crescent, Elmwood Avenue, Mons Avenue, Nightingale Way, Templar Avenue.

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:
Tony Thompson, Geraint Catling

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Rose Allsop, Joseph Brown, Harold Walker, Baby Daniel Potts, Moira Thomson,

Horace Armishaw, Minnie Pooley, John Pollard.

**Hymn: At Cana’s wedding**

At Cana’s wedding, long ago,

they knew his presence by this sign,

a virtue none but Christ could show,

to turn their water into wine:

and still on us his blessing be

as in the days of Galilee.

What if the way be far to go

and life at times a weary load?

yet may our hearts within us glow

as theirs on that Emmaus road:

the risen Christ become our guest,

with him to walk, in him to rest.

O Lord of all our life below,

O risen Lord of realms above,

eternal joy be theirs to know,

united in the bond of love:

one in the faith, with one accord,

one with each other and the Lord.

**Choir Anthem: Spirit of Holiness**

**Post Communion**

God of glory,

you nourish us with your Word

who is the bread of life:

fill us with your Holy Spirit

that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Joint service of prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Monday 24 January** here at St Mary's church at 12 noon followed by lunch together.

All welcome. Hot drinks provided but please bring your own lunch. More info from Katrina.

**Fellowship Lunches are back!**

We will have a fellowship lunch on 30th January. A roast with all the trimmings. No charge, but donations welcome. You can also just turn up on the day and join in the fun. Everybody welcome – don’t eat lunch alone, come and share it with friends.

**The next Messy Church is on Sun 6th Feb at** **11:45am**, meeting in the hall. The theme is Jesus calling the first disciples and the big catch of fish. 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 but donations welcome.

**Re-usable cups help spread the load!** It is brilliant from an Eco friendly point of view that St Mary's uses china cups and mugs for coffee after services and Tiny Tots but if you are getting back into the habit of regularly use a re-usable cup elsewhere,  please think about bringing it to church too - it will make a big difference to the washing up volunteers! Many thanks. Katrina

**Eco Tip Epiphany 2:** Keep on sorting your rubbish to be recycled so that it doesn't all end up in landfill. As well as your kerbside collections, Letchworth tip have  rigid plastic section(eg old buckets), many supermarkets have soft plastic collection points and Superdrug collect medicine blister packs via the Terracycle scheme.

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

Around the Baldock Festival next year we hope each one of us will invite a friend or neighbour or a member of our family to an evening where we will hear how people’s Christian faith has influenced their views and the way they live their life combatting climate change. Who are you hoping to invite? Please start praying now!

Each evening will include a short talk, some questions and answers and some fringe events, to do with living sustainably. We hope to be providing light refreshments.

In the new year we will be inviting you to prepare by considering four questions:

1. How did you become a Christian?
2. Does the bible have anything to say about climate change?
3. What would you say if a friend asked you how your faith affects your views about climate change?
4. Who are you going to invite to the evenings?

So far we have three evenings planned:

* Phil Evans will be coming on Tuesday 26th April to speak about the vital work Christian Aid is doing to combat climate change and why he is part of it.
* John Cherry, local Christian farmer is coming on Wednesday 11th May to speak about the major festival he runs each year in Weston, called Groundswell which focusses on sustainable farming.
* On Ascension Day (Thursday May 26th) as part of our Communion Service we will be thinking about different views of what the bible says about Climate Change and God’s involvement with his wounded world. This is also Andrew’s 60th birthday so he hopes you will come and celebrate with him as well (possibly with something fizzy!)

What to do now:

* Pray about who you might invite to an evening
* Think about your answers to the questions above

The earth is the Lord’s and all that fills it.

*Psalm 24 verse 1*

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 16th *2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for All Ages (preacher: Emma Wilkinson)

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 17th *Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 18th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 – 25 January*

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 19th *Wulfstan, bishop, 1095*

9.30am Holy Communion (Robert Evens)10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior Choir
4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.30pm Evening Prayer in church

Thurs 20th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 6.45pm Senior Choir

Fri 21st *Agnes, child martyr, 304*

Sat 22nd 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

SUNDAY 23rd *3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

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Next week’s readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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