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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Second Sunday of Lent

Worship on Sunday 13th March 2022

**8am****Communion (traditional words)**

*A simple peaceful start to the day. The service will take place at the High Altar.*

**9.30am****Parish Communion**

We are delighted that the Junior Choir will be singing during worship. After the Gospel we will be inviting people to talk to each other about how they became a Christian. From this week we will return to taking a financial collection during the Offertory hymn. You will be able to give to the work of the Church using the collection plate or the contactless card reader. Do join us for an inspiring and inclusive time of worship.

*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 Parish Communion 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/RwJsfGUzR-A>

**11.00am****Morning Worship at Bygrave**

*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** 20th March 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for All Ages

6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

642 The God of Abram praise

365 Jesus these eyes have never seen

 Christian dost thou see them (AM NS 55)

Anthem: Ave Verum (Elgar)

281 He who would valiant be

**The Collect**

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The Old Testament Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

1The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ 2But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ 3And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ 4But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ 5He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ 6And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7Then he said to him, ‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ 8But he said, ‘O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ 9He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ 10He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

**The Gospel Luke 13:31-end**

**31**At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ **32**He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. **33**Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” **34**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! **35**See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes whenyou say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

**Hymn: Christian dost thou see them**

Christian, dost thou see them

on the holy ground,

how the troops of Midian

prowl and prowl around?

Christian, up and smite them,

counting gain but loss;

smite them by the merit

of the holy Cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them,

how they work within,

striving, tempting, luring,

goading into sin?

Christian, never tremble;

never be down-cast;

smite them by the virtue

of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them,

how they speak thee fair?

‘Always fast and vigil?

Always watch and prayer?’

Christian, answer boldly,

‘While I breathe I pray:’

peace shall follow battle,

night shall end in day.

‘Well I know thy trouble,

O my servant true;

thou art very weary,

I was weary too;

but that toil shall make thee

some day all mine own,

and the end of sorrow

shall be near my throne.’

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

Hillcrest, Page Close, Woodlands Way, Temple Court, Chiltern Road, Beech Ridge.

Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Penny and Douglas Mitchell, Peter Harris, Oliver Britton, Martin Reed, David Dane, Martyn Gray, Tracy Copping, Karen Kynman, Shaun Trussell,

Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Wadsworth, Timothy Growns, Stuart Hodges, Peter Goodchild, Christine Roderick, Andy Ball.

Those who have died recently:
Joan Fleckney, Richard Smart, Jack Jarvis

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Louise Brackley, Peggy Wilsher, Joyce Greatorex, Irene Newling, Walter Crossley,

Ron Smith, Dan Ellis, Ann Garside-Neville, Derek Watson, George Harding,

Ernest White

**Choir Anthem: Ave Verum (Elgar)**

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer,

Born the Virgin Mary’s Son,

Who upon the cross a victim

Hast mankind’s salvation won.

Ave verum corpus,

Natum Ex Maria Virgine

Vere passum, immolatum

In cruce pro homine.

From whose side, which man had pierced,

Flowed the water and the blood:

By the sacred body broken

Be in life and death our food.

Cujus latus perforatum

Vero fluxit sanguine ;

Esto nobis praegustatum,

Mortis in examine.

O Jesu, O Jesu, O Jesu, O Jesu.

O clemens, O pie, O clemens, O pie.

Son of Mary. Jesu, hear us,

Son of Mary, of Mary.

Jesu, hear us,

Son of Mary, of Mary.

Fili Mariae. Dulcis Jesu,

Fili Mariae, Mariae.

Dulcis Jesu,

Fili Mariae, Mariae.

**Post Communion**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Fellowship Lunch – Sun 20th Mar at 12pm**

Come and join us for a simple (but tasty!) soup lunch during Lent. No charge, but donations welcome. If you can let us know if you plan to come so we have an idea of numbers but 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.

**Friends of St Mary’s update:**

**Thank you** to everyone who was involved in our last two events – we’ve raised nearly £1,500 from the concert and quiz night combined, which is a fantastic result. We couldn’t have done it without your support (and, of course, the talents of our local community!) And there’s more to come…

**Forthcoming events:**

**An Evening with Flanders & Swann** (as interpreted by Peter Chapman and Mike O'Neill) - Fri 6th May at 7.30pm. £10 per person in advance / £12 on the door.

**Hymns & Desserts**, hosted by Pam Rhodes from BBC Television’s ‘Songs of Praise’ - Sunday 8th May at 6pm. £6 including a choice of puddings.

**Jubilee Wine Tasting** - Sat 4th June at 7.45pm in the church hall. £12 per person.

For more information on the above events, please contact fosmbaldock@gmail.com

**Lent in Baldock and Bygrave**

**Christianity – A changed life?**

**Tuesdays** at 7.30pm in the Rectory

Tuesday March 15th How to be happy: The Gospel: Following Jesus to death and glory.

A typical desire of people in Britain today is to want a happy life. Does Christian Faith promise this? If not, why would anyone want to be a Christian?

Key bible passage: John 17: 20 – 26

Each evening will include a discussion based around a bible passage with plenty of chances for you to say what you think. It will end with the beautiful late evening service of Compline.

Each evening will also have the opportunity to join by Zoom. Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84307870703?pwd=QU9FaHNWSm5JdTFHRWdtd21hVDRUUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 0787 0703 Passcode: 903666

*It will be quite possible to attend only one or two Lent groups and still get a lot out of them.*

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

We are inviting you to prepare by considering four questions:

1. How did you become a Christian? and Where are you on your Christian journey? *We will be thinking about this in our Sunday service on March 13th*
2. Does the bible have anything to say about climate change? *We will be thinking about this in our Sunday service on April 3rd*
3. What would you say if a friend asked you how your faith affects your views about climate change? *We will be thinking about this in our Sunday service on April 24th*
4. Who are you going to invite to the evenings? *We hope you will be challenged by this and we will give you opportunities to do so!*

Our Lent discussion group will also engage with most of these questions.

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!)

The next Communion service at Osbourne Court is on Monday 21st March at 11am

**Eco Tip Lent 2:** Remember to only boil the amount of water in your kettle that you actually need for your hot drinks, rather than fill up to the top each time. The electricity you save will help the planet AND your bank balance!

**Hidden Humour**

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, “I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond.” Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender says, “Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all…” The man replies, “You’ll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It’s just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.”

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Next week’s readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 13th *2nd Sunday of Lent*

 7.20am Morning Prayer in church

8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

 11.00am Morning Worship at Bygrave

 3.00pm Baptism of Arlo Harris Toal

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Mon 14th **9.15am** Morning Prayer in church

 11.00am Funeral of Richard Smart RIP

 **3.30pm** Evening Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 15th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

7.30pm Lent Discussion group at Rectory and on Zoom –

*How to be happy: The Gospel: Following Jesus to death and glory*

*John 17: 20 - 26*

Wed 16th 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 17th *Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, c.460*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

Sat 19th *Joseph of Nazareth*

 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

SUNDAY 20th *3rd Sunday of Lent*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Communion for All Ages

6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

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And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes whenyou say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’