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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship on Sunday 15th May 2022

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

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

**9.30am****Communion for All Ages**

Worship for all the family as we rejoice in a God who delights in
crossing boundaries and bridging divides. It’s wonderful the Junior
Choir and the Music Group will both be supporting us in worship today.

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/bFuIrMxA734>

*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** 22nd May 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

450 Morning has broken
620 Such love (Music Group)
819 He’s got the whole world in his hands (Music Group)
503 O Jesus I have promised

**The Collect**

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**The New Testament Reading Acts 11: 1 – 18**

**11**The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2**So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3**saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ **4**Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5**‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. **6**As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7**I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” **8**But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” **9**But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” **10**This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11**At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12**The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. **13**He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; **14**he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” **15**And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. **16**And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” **17**If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ **18**When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

**The Gospel John 13: 31-35**

31During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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

Ashtons Lane, Weston Way, Willian Road, The Close, The Spinney, The Dell

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, Andy Ball,

Jeanette Jackson, Sheila Wadsworth, Stuart Hodges, Peter Goodchild, Helen Walden, Pauline Scurr, Nicky Bull, Daniel Muir, Eden Moules, Eileen Hailey, Arthur Payne.

Those who have died recently:
Joan Dockree, Christine Roderick, Eileen Charlton, Arthur Deamer.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Keith Gates, Bunty Wilkins, Irene Miller, Ethel Grinbergs, Gladys King, Lily Armishaw, Marion Hopgood, Paddy Kilbride.

**Choir Anthem: Now the green blade riseth (the words are for hymn 475 in the orange hymn book)**

**Post Communion**

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Forthcoming dates:**

The next **Communion Service at Magdalene Court** is on Mon 6th June at 10.30am

The next **Baldock PCC** meeting in Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in church

The next **Communion Service at Osbourne Court** is on Thurs 19th May at 11am

The next 15 Houses trustees meeting is on Mon 23rd Jun at 7.30pm at the rectory

The next Deanery Synod is on Tues 24th Jun at 8pm at Ardeley village hall

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHICH EVENINGS YOU HOPE TO COME TO AND WHO YOU MIGHT INVITE.**

* John Gummer is coming on Monday 20th June. John Selwyn Gummer, (Lord Deben), who is chair of the Government’s climate change committee and a prominent Roman Catholic, will be speaking about his work nationally in the battle against climate change and how his faith impacts on what he does.

**Forthcoming Friends of St Mary’s events:**

**Sublime Schubert Soirée with the ‘Trout’ Quintet** - **Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm.**

£12 per person in advance / £15 on the door. Schubert's Piano Quintet nicknamed the ‘Trout’, with its unusual instrumentation of piano, violin, viola, cello and bass, holds a special place in the repertoire for its sublime intensity and astonishing beauty.  In aid of RevIvel, trying to save the upper River Ivel, a rare chalk stream near Baldock. RevIvel would love to see brown trout in the river again! [www.Revivel.org](http://www.Revivel.org)

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

Tickets at £12 per head available up until Thursday 2nd June online or from the Community Centre. Enjoy a selection of 8 wines chosen for celebration, led by a wine Consultant, with accompanying nibbles.

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

Or to purchase tickets online, go to: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm>

**Eco Tip Easter 5:**: Boost your spirits by reading positive eco stories - try The World Wildlife Fund: <https://wwf.panda.org/>

**Ukraine**

The situation for those wanting to help in some way is extremely fast moving The two major ways to help are by donating money or by offering to host Ukrainians in your home or support others doing the same.

The diocese has a very helpful webpage which provides a way to give money and details about hosting and other support.

[Support Ukraine: how you can help - Diocese of St Albans (anglican.org)](https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/supportukraine/)

Baldock Action Aid is also providing a platform for those wanting to be involved to link with. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/baldockanddistrictactionaid>

**Christian Aid Big Breakfast – Sat 21st May from 08.30am – 10.30am in the church hall**. Choose from a traditional cooked breakfast or continental pastries, accompanied by tea, coffee or fruit juices. A Prosecco pay bar is available. Tickets: £6 per person, £1 per child (max 3 children per adult), from the Baldock Community Centre. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

**CAKES & SCONES NEEDED:** Would you be willing to bake a cake or scones for the Afternoon Tea? If so, please sign the list at the back of church. There are still some gaps – please have a look at the list and let us know if you can help.

**Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea - Sun 22nd May at 4pm in the church hall**

Come and experience a 1950’s tea whilst singing along to some traditional patriotic songs, as we celebrate 70 years of the reign of our monarch, Her Majesty the Queen. A pay bar serving beer and Prosecco will be available. £6 per person in advance from the Community Centre.

**Hidden Humour**

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.

**The next phase of restoration is starting on May 23rd**. This will mean scaffolding around the East end of the church, a temporary roof structure over the chancel and more scaffolding round the side of the South aisle porch to allow essential masonry repair to the turret adjacent to the porch. We hope to have a fully watertight church by the time the scaffolding is removed which is expected to be the end of October. We are fortunate in that there is likely to be little disruption to worship and other activities going on in the church or the churchyard. The work is expected to cost about £230 000 plus VAT so thank you to everyone who has been so generous to enable it to happen.

**Confirmation:**

Kalell Catling is being confirmed on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm at All Saints Church Reed (just the other side of the A10!) You’re warmly invited to come and support him. Please also pray for him as he makes this important step.

**Fellowship Lunch – Sun 29th May at 12pm**

Come and join us for a roast with all the trimmings. 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.

**The return of Choral Evensong!!** I’m delighted to announce that the next choral Evensong will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, at 6pm. Make a date in your diary and join us for beautiful evocative worship at the end of the day.

**Worship on Sunday June 26th!!**

As I hope you know June 26th is Andrew and Helen’s last Sunday before Andrew retires and Emma’s last Sunday before she is ordained and serves her curacy in Letchworth. We are going to have one service for the whole benefice which will be at **10.00am!**

**There will be no 8am communion**. The 11am communion at Bygrave will take place the previous week on June 19th. Emma, Helen and Andrew really hope you will join us at 10am.

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**Ascensiontide at St Mary’s and St Margaret’s**

Next Sunday we have some wonderful resources written by Archbishop Justin Welby available free to everyone.

1. A beautifully produced booklet with some stunningly illustrated which provides daily readings and prayers based on 1 Peter
2. A prayer journal (which again is imaginatively and beautifully produced) to help us open our minds to God in the days between Ascension and Pentecost.
3. We also have a small booklet for younger children covering the value of faithfulness in a story about some cheeky pandas. We will be handing these out in our schools.

If you prefer you can download the booklets on line by going to [New For 2022 | Thy Kingdom Come](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2022) (<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2022>)

Do join us for a celebration evening on Ascension Day when 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. It’s a great service including receiving the sign of the cross in glitter to mark our redemption as children of God and that we are part of his heavenly Kingdom. This is also Andrew’s 60th birthday so he hopes you will come and celebrate with him as well (possibly with something fizzy!) You will know this is part of our Faith and Climate Mission.

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Next week’s readings: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5, John 14: 23-29 or John 5:1-9

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 15th *5th Sunday of Easter*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Communion for All Ages

 **5.00pm** Evening Prayer in church

Mon 16th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 3.00pm Evening Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 17th 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 18th 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

Thurs 19th  *Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

11.00am Communion at Osbourne Court

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

 7.30pm Confirmation of Kalell Catling at Reed

Fri 20th *Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804*

8.40am Morning Prayer in church

3.00pm Funeral of Joan Dockree RIP

Sat 21st 8.30am – 10.30am Christian Aid Big Breakfast in hall

 9.30am Morning Prayer in church

 2.00pm Blessing of marriage of Matt and Ellie Burnage

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

 7.30pm Trout Quintet concert

SUNDAY 22nd 7.20am Morning Prayer in church 6th *Sunday of Easter*

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

 11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

 3.00pm Baptism of Dakota Hughes

 4.00pm Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

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