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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship on Sunday 22nd May 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 and Junior Church**

Join us for worship and the Christian family meal of communion as
we unpack a bit more of the wonderful transforming capacity of
faith in Jesus.

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/lLtbkAGKUe4>

**11.00am****Parish Communion at Bygrave**

Parish Communion in a village setting.

*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** 29th May 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

104 Christ triumphant
159 Father God I wonder
144 Dear Lord and Father
485 O for a thousand tongues to sing

**The Collect**

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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**

**Psalm 67 May God be gracious**

May God be gracious, may we see his face;

throughout the wide world may his power be known.

May all the nations trust his saving grace,

and come to worship,

and come to worship him before his throne.

He holds our future safe within his hand;

he judges rightly and he guides our ways.

Earth yields its increase – God will bless our land:

may all his people,

may all his people give him thanks and praise!

**The New Testament Reading Acts 16:9-15**

9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

**The Gospel John 5:1-9**

1After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed. 5One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ 7The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ 8Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ 9At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

West Avenue, Norton Crescent, Gates Court, Norton Road, The Sycamores

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, Nicky Bull, Daniel Muir, Eden Moules, Eileen Hailey, Arthur Payne.

Those who have died recently:
Joan Dockree, Christine Roderick, Eileen Charlton, Arthur Dearmer, Trevor Hiorns, Craig Dean, Denis Albon.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Joan Smith, Reg Dane, Ted Winter, Rose Arbury

**Choir Anthem:** **Be thou my vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;

Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,

Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;

Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;

Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;

Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;

O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art;

Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Post Communion**

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
**Amen**

**Forthcoming dates:**

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

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

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

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

The next **Communion Service at Osbourne Court** is on Thurs 16th June at 11am

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHO YOU MIGHT INVITE.**

* John Gummer is coming on Monday 20th June at 7.30pm. 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:**

**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

Tickets can be purchased at the Community Centre or online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fosm>

**Eco Tip Easter 6:** Being Eco in a Climate Crisis means taking all kinds of action: please think about asking your council/ MP/church/ diocese/ workplace to look at more ways of installing solar panels on many more buildings....huge numbers have a south facing roof : great potential for local electricity generation!

**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>

**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.

**Emma’s ordination**

Many of you will know that Emma is being ordained at St Albans Abbey on Saturday 2nd July at 4pm. We have just heard that there are unlimited numbers which is excellent news. Therefore book the date and we will give more details when we know them!

**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.

**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. For the period 2nd to 5th June the RSCM's publication 'Sunday by Sunday' suggests a service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM QE2 would be appropriate so the programme has been compiled with this in mind.

**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 starting at 7.30pm 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.

**Hidden Humour**

Which bird is most ideally suited to work for a construction company? It most obviously is a crane!

[I tried to find a joke about scaffolding, but failed!]

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Next week’s readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end; John 17:20-end

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 22nd 6th *Sunday of Easter*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion (Preacher: Katrina Nice)

 9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church (Preacher: Katrina Nice)

 11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave (Preacher: Katrina Nice)

 3.00pm Baptism of Dakota Willis

 4.00pm Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Mon 23rd 8.40 am Morning Prayer in church *Rogation Day*

4.00pm Evening Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm 15 Houses trustees meeting at rectory

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 24th *John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788*

 *Rogation Day*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

8.00pm Deanery Synod at Ardeley

Wed 25th *The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735 / Rogation Day*

 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 PCC meeting in church

Thurs 26th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church *Ascension Day*

 12.00pm Interment of ashes of Denis Albon RIP at Bygrave

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior choir

 7.30pm Sung Communion for Ascension Day

Fri 27th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 3.00pm Funeral of Arthur Deamer RIP at Bygrave

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 29th 8.00am Holy Communion (Robert Evens) 7th *Sunday of Easter*

 9.30am Parish Communion (Robert Evens)

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