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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship on Sunday 8th 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 as we meet with Jesus the Good Shepherd who feeds us in
a sacramental meal of bread of wine. Emma will be preaching
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/LndhcdJL4R4>

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

Worship in a village setting. Do join us!

*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** 15th May 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Communion for All Ages

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

433 Love’s redeeming work is done
582 Restore O Lord
 The Lord’s my shepherd (words below)
667 The strife is o’er

**The Collect**

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Psalm 23 Ps4Sp**

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures:

he leads me beside the waters of stillness.

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.*

He will refresh my soul:

And for his name’s sake guide my path.

Though I walk through death’s dark valley, I fear no evil:

your rod and your staff will uphold me.

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.*

In the face of my foes you spread a table before me:

You anoint my head with oil and my cup brims over.

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all my days:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.*

**The New Testament Reading - Acts 9: 36 – end**

**36**Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37**At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38**Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ **39**So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40**Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41**He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42**This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43**Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**The Gospel - John 10: 22 - 30**

**22**At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23**and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24**So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ **25**Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; **26**but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. **27**My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29**What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. **30**The Father and I are one.’

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

Hillside Park, Limekiln Lane, The Copse, Penfold Close, Providence Court,

Providence Way.

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,

Christine Roderick, Pauline Scurr, Nicky Bull, Daniel Muir, Eden Moules, Eileen Hailey.

Those who have died recently:
Joan Dockree

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

David Hartley, Ada Viner, Jean Ellis, Lionel Elliston.

**The Lord’s my shepherd (Stuart Townend)**

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*For Your endless mercy follows me,*

*Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust in You alone …*

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in You alone …*

**Choir Anthem: Glory to the Lamb (David Blackwell)**

**Post Communion**

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**YOUR HELP NEEDED: Christian Aid envelopes and Mission flyers**

Thanks to everyone who has delivered Christian Aid envelopes and flyers about our parish mission. Can you help get the rest out by Tuesday 10th?

**MISSION 2022 - FAITH AND CLIMATE**

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

The upcoming evenings are:

* 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!)
* 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 dates:**

The next **Communion Service at Magdalene Court** is on Mon 9th May at 10.30am

The next **PCC Standing Committee** is on Mon 9th May ay 7.30pm at the Rectory
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

**Baldock Street Fair (Sat 14th May)**

The Friends of St Mary’s are hosting a stall at the Street Fair and would be grateful for donations of wine for the Water into Wine activity (please leave donations in the vestry). We also need help manning the stall (a rota is in church). Thank you.

**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.

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>

**Eco Tip Easter 4:** Please take part in "No Mow May" and leave your lawn uncut this month - you will be doing amazing things to help biodiversity : plants, bugs, the soil structure (different types of roots from varying plants) , birds and animals. See how many types of wild flowers you encourage and enjoy them!

**Eco display:** Why not help share your eco gardening tips by entering a mini garden in our display in St Mary’s on Street Fair Day (Sat 14 May)? Please make either a mini garden in a seedtray (23x38cm) or a display of bee friendly plants in a quirky reuse container or a traditional shallow one. More info from Katrina

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

**Hymns & Desserts**, hosted by Pam Rhodes from BBC Television’s ‘Songs of Praise’ **Sunday 8th May at 6pm.** £6 per person.  Pam Rhodes will lead us in a selection of her favourite hymns. The audience, if they wish to sing along, will be accompanied by the organ before a variety of desserts are served. Ticket price includes a choice of puddings.

**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>

**Hidden Humour**

What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school? “I was told I’m supposed to walk by Faith!”

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

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.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 8th  *4th Sunday of Easter*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion

 11.00am Morning Worship at Bygrave

6.00pm **Hymns & Desserts**, hosted by Pam Rhodes

Mon 9th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church and on Zoom

7.30pm PCC Standing Committee

8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 10th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 11th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior Choir practice

4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

7.30pm Faith and Climate: John Cherry speaks about the Groundswell Festival

Thurs 12th8.40am Morning Prayer in church

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 6.45pm Senior Choir practice

Sat 14th *Matthias the Apostle*

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

10.00am – 4.00pm Eco Church – display of mini eco gardens. Tower trips (weather permitting)

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

**29**What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. **30**The Father and I are one.’7

Next week’s readings: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35