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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Pentecost

Worship on Sunday 5th June 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 celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Join us to identify how he is working through you. Today we reintroduce sharing together the common cup at communion. If you still wish to be cautious, there will be a second chalice available for you to dip your wafer or you may wish to receive the bread alone.

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/BambWHKqOYY>

**11.45am****Messy Church in the hall**

We will be celebrating the Queen’s platinum jubilee and also
celebrating that Jesus is the King of Kings who reigns forever and is
our saviour and friend. We will be thinking about the biblical origins of jubilee. Come and join us (and say farewell to Emma before she heads off to Wilbury!).

**6.00pm****Platinum Jubilee Choral Evensong**

 Join us for beautiful evocative worship at the end of the
 day. A service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM
 Queen Elizabeth the Second2 .

*See Week at a Glance for details and times of Morning and Evening Prayer this week,
both in church and on Zoom.*

<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 Zoom Evening Prayer
a valuable anchor for the day.*

**Next Sunday’s worship** 12th June 2022

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion and Junior Church

11.00am Morning Worship at Bygrave

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

114 Come down O Love divine
615 Spirit of the Living God
67 Be still for the presence of the Lord
611 Spirit of God
666 The Spirit lives to set us free

**The Collect**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21**

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ 13But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**The New Testament Reading Romans 8:14-17**

14All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**The Gospel John 14:8-17, 25-27**

8Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ 9Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 15‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 25‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

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

Aleyn Way, Constantine Place, Merchants Walk, Wallington Road.

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, Laurie Browne.

Those who have died recently:

 Trevor Hiorns, Craig Dean, Arthur Payne.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Joan Walker, Gwen Craft, Margaret Dilley, Kate Watkins, Walter Eatly

**Choir Anthem:** **Spirit of God, unseen as the wind** (trad. Scottish, arr. A.D.Miller)

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

Gentle as the dove;

Touch us with love and teach us to sing

Joy to you, Lord above.

Your voice the sound, heard in the wind,

O'er fields and hills you sing;

Now I can hear the joy, my Lord,

The peace your song will bring.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

Gentle as the dove;

Touch us with love and teach us to sing

Joy to you, Lord above.

Love in our hearts, praise in our prayers,

We follow on your way;

Lord of the sky, lord of the earth,

Answer us when we pray.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

Gentle as the dove;

Touch us with love and teach us to sing

Joy to you, Lord above.

**Post Communion**

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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!

**Eco Tip Pentecost Sunday:** Let the Holy Spirit inspire you to take action on Climate Change eg reducing plastic pollution: "World Refill Day" is 16 June - why not make a new pledge to use reusable water bottles and coffee cups when you're out and about? <https://www.refill.org.uk/world-refill-day/>

**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.

**Churches Count on Nature -** Saturday 11 June, 2-4pm Come along and bring your friends as we take part in a national initiative to enjoy and record plants and wildlife in St Mary's Churchyard, to highlight how these spaces are so valuable to the ecosystem around us. More info from Katrina 07708 064294



**Message from Sally Port:** Sally would like to say a big thank you to the congregation for their prayers and support over the recent months until the passing of her sister Christine.

**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>

**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.

**The next phase of restoration has started!**. 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.

**Forthcoming dates:**

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

The next **Bygrave PCC** is on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm

Sunday 4 September 12-2pm Family's Hands-On Eco Event with David Chandler from A Rocha, the environmental Christian Charity who run the Eco Church scheme of which we are part (and going for our silver award). Come along for food and Eco fun as we all discover how important it is to care for all of God's creation as we seek to combat Climate Change.

Next week’s readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

**Hidden Humour**

### How do we know the Apostles drove a Honda?

### “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one accord.”

**New carpet for chancel and choir:** In the last phase of restoration we planned to lay a bespoke carpet in the chancel and choir to cover up the ugly bits of concrete and with some of the emblems from the Victorian tiling in the sanctuary. You may remember we voted on a bible text to be woven into the kneeling area in front of the altar rail for communion.  You voted for:  *My peace I give to you.*Sadly we could not install it 6 years ago because of leaky roofs directly above.  However now the final section of roof is being repaired we can. The only problem is the cost.  We do not have a figure yet but it is likely to be at least £8000. Andrew and Helen are delighted to contribute to this before they go and at present we have donations of around £4000.  If you would like to help fund what will be a work of art in its own right please let Andrew or David Morgan know.  A sample of the carpet with the Victorian design is in a corner of the sanctuary.

**Helen and Andrew**

would love you to join them

for an open house
at any time from **5pm**
on **Saturday 18th June**
for a **BBQ and something to drink**.

Party

**at the Rectory, 9 Pond Lane RSVP helpful but not essential!**

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27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 5th *Pentecost*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion

 11.45am Messy Church in hall

 4.45pm Community Sponsorship Team Meeting

 6.00pm Choral Evensong in church

Mon 6th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 10.30am Communion at Magdalene Court

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

6.30pm Evening Prayer in church

 8.00pm Monday Home Group on Zoom (contact Emma)

Tues 7th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Wed 8th *Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

9.30am Holy Communion in church10.30am Tiny Tots

4.00pm Junior choir in hall

 4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

Thurs 9th *Columba, abbot, missionary, 597*

 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 10th 8.40am Morning Prayer in church

 5.00pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 12th *Trinity Sunday*

7.20am Morning Prayer in church

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Communion and Junior church

 11.00am Morning Worship at Bygrave

 6.00pm Evening Prayer in church

 7.00pm Friends of St Mary’s Committee meeting

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