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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 14th August 2022

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

*A simple peaceful start to the day. The service will take place at the High Altar. Our Licensed Lay Minister, Katrina Nice, will be leading and preaching.*

**9.30am****Parish Praise! Climate Service**

Do join us for an All Age Climate service: " Water of Life". Celebrate God's creation, see how important water is and think about how we can play our part in tackling the Climate Crisis! Katrina Nice will be leading and 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 Praise 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/2_MNr1CbCK4>

**Please note that there are no services at Bygrave in August**

*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** 21st August 2022

8.00am Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

6 - All creatures of our God and King

915 - Who put the colours in the rainbow?

437 - Make me a channel of your peace

766 - You shall go out with joy

**The Collect**

Almighty God

You have created the heavens and the earth

And made us in your own image:

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works

And your likeness in all your children;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who with you and Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things

Now and for ever

**Amen**

**The Old Testament reading Isaiah 55: 6-13**

6Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**The Gospel John 7: 37-38**

37On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’

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

Coachmans Lane, Hadrian Way, Hopewell Road, Pepys Way, Letchworth Road, Burleigh House.

Those in need of healing:

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

Jeanette Jackson, Stuart Hodges, Nicky Bull, Daniel Muir, Laurie Browne, John Johnson.

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Molly Cooper, Terry Wiltshire

**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.

**Bike ‘n Hike – Saturday 10th September:** The sponsored *Bike 'n Hike* is an annual fundraising event organised by the Beds and Herts Historic churches Trust. The aim is to raise money both for the Trust and for St Mary’s Church. Please let me know if you would like a sponsorship form and a list of participating churches (both of which can be found on their website: <http://www.b-n-h.co.uk/>) For more details, contact Alex Milne: baldockbenefice@gmail.com

Can’t walk or cycle? **Can you help on the day by manning the signing in form / refreshment point?** Please let Alex know if you can help for an hour or so.

**Foodbank donations:** The foodbank would be very grateful to receive donations of tinned meat, fruit and rice pudding, Long life milk and fruit juice, sponge puddings, biscuits and toilet rolls. These can be left in the church collection box in the church by the south porch or delivered to the church hall on Tuesday or Friday morning between 10am and 12noon when the foodbank is open. All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you.

**Hidden Humour**

If anyone needs an ark, I happen to Noah guy.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 14th *9t*h *Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion

 9.30am Parish Praise! (Katrina Nice)

 3.00pm Baptism of Savannah Few, Camilla Vary and Rhys Giles

Mon 15th *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Wed 17th 9.30am Matins10.30am Tiny Tots

4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUNDAY 21st *10t*h *Sunday after Trinity*

8.00am Holy Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

 9.30am Parish Communion (Elizabeth Bunker)

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Next week’s readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-end,

Luke13: 10-17

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**Eco Tip Trinity 9 :** After "no mow May" , maybe the extremely dry weather is letting us notice the value of our lawns becoming more diverse eco systems with various flowers managing to grow where the grass is dying eg yarrow, dandelion, knapweed, clover -if we don't give in to the temptation of watering the lawn - better for wildlife and better for our water bills!

As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’