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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Worship on Sunday 31st July 2022

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

*A simple peaceful start to the day. The service will take place at the High Altar. Reverend* *Robert Evens will be leading and preaching today.*

**9.30am****Parish Communion**

Today we hear the story of the Rich Fool, who wanted to store his wealth in bigger and bigger barns but got a nasty shock!

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Robert Evens who will be leading and preaching at this service.

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/aqsHjvC1tp4>

*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** 7th August 2022

8.00am Communion

9.30am Parish Communion and Baptism

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

19 - All my hope on God is founded

Psalm 49 vv.1-12

319 - In Christ there is no east or west

A&MRS 514 - There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom

Choir Anthem - 'Fairest Lord Jesu' (arr. Martin How)

474 - Now thank we all our God

**The Collect**

Lord of all power and might,

the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion,

nourish us with all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

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 49**

O people, listen – hear God’s wisdom crying!

Although the darkness comes to rich and poor,

and nothing mortal can survive our dying,

yet in the morning justice shall endure:

For God will take the holy into heaven,

by grace redeem the faithful from the grave;

we leave behind us all this world has given,

and trust God’s mighty power to love and save!

To Father, Son and Spirit be the glory!

Come, worship and adore the holy Name;

let wisdom think upon our human story,

and faith our ever living God proclaim.

**The New Testament Reading Colossians 3: 1-11**

1If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**The Gospel Luke 12: 13-21**

13Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ 14But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 15And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ 16Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” 18Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.‘” 20But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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

Open spaces and footpaths, all new build and converted properties.

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.

Those who have died recently:

 Pearl Dawkins

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week

Ernest Stevenson, Ivy and Doug Pearson, John Duncan, Eve Haerle, Ernest Moules,

Fr. Christopher Mackonochie, Bill Darts, David Macguire

**Hymn: There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom**

There in God’s garden stands the tree of wisdom

whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:

tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion,

tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says ‘Our Saviour’:

there on its branches see the scars of suffering:

see where the tendrils of our human selfhood

feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;

our greed has starved it, our despite has chocked it;

yet, look, it lives! it’s grief has not destroyed it,

nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;

hear what the voice says, ‘Come to me, ye weary:

give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow:

I will give blessing’.

All heaven is singing, “Thanks to Christ whose Passion

offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon:

peoples and nations, take it, take it freely”.

Amen, my Master.

**Choir Anthem: 'Fairest Lord Jesu' (arr. Martin How)**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,

Jesus of God and Mary the son;

Thee will I cherish, thee with I honour,

O thou my soul’s delight and crown.

Fairer are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fairer are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men,

In all the freshness of youth arrayed:

Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;

My Jesus, my Jesus, will never fade.

**Post Communion**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,

ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves

the power of his death and passion

that, in his saving cup,

we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Eco Tip Trinity 7:** If there are young trees recently planted along your road, could you help them get established by watering them sometimes or even "adopting" them especially in this very hot weather? Mature trees are great at lowering temperatures by shading roads, paths and buildings.



## Can you help rehabilitated hedgehogs? Woody’s Wildlife Rescue Centre in Stotfold is our nearest hedgehog rehabilitation centre.  It is bursting at the seams with hedgehogs – often autumn juveniles who arrived late last year; these hedgehogs need to be released to make room for the influx of spring hoglets which need help. Suitable release sites are needed to help these longer term residents get back to the wild/ semi wild. If you have a garden you might be able to help!

We are looking for volunteers in each of these categories please:

(1) Provide a release site (i.e. garden has ways in and out for them) & leave out food/ water for 2 weeks

(2) Provide a walled garden or enclosure with a run for hedgehogswho were born in the rescue centre or came in as small babies; these have never felt grass beneath their feet and need more support whilst they learn to be a hedgehog. They would need food/ water for 4 weeks then we would re-locate and follow (1)

(3) Provide a permanent home with food/water in a walled garden for a hedgehog (a big character!) who has a skew-whiff leg!

Hedgehogs eat dry or wet cat food and ideally they need a shelter (can be improvised, built or bought).

If you think you can help, please contact me to discuss.  I would also need a quick look at your garden in order to proceed and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Kathryn Mackenzie (volunteer at Woody’s)

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*Music at St Mary’s, Baldock*

**Morning Piano Recital**

**Sunday 7th August at 11.15am**

Join us for an informal piano recital after Parish Communion on the above date.

**Jill Crossland will be performing pieces from Bach, Scarlatti and Brahms on the grand piano.**

Jill is performing at St Mary’s Church in the autumn, so do join us for the short taster!

Admission is free but a retiring collection will go to the restoration work of the church.

To find out more about Jill, follow this link: [www.jillcrossland.org](http://www.jillcrossland.org)

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served before the performance

**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.

**Hidden Humour**

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."

**Volunteers needed to assist with duties on Sundays**
Since Andrew and Helen have departed the fold, and Emma and Sharon have also left our band of volunteers, we find ourselves struggling to fill positions each Sunday that are needed for the service to function.  Whilst we are incredibly grateful to our volunteers who willingly assist during Sunday services, there are times when we are stretched to the limit, notably during holiday times and particularly during this interregnum period.  Each Sunday we require between up to 19 volunteers to help with church duties and we currently only have 35 named volunteers that we can call on.  You will see from these numbers that it means several volunteers are doubling up many times over, often requiring them to be in church nearly every Sunday just to do duties, meaning some are then unable to participate fully in the service.  If we worked on the principle of a volunteer doing only one Sunday duty a month as a commitment, we would be looking for something in the order of a total of 72 volunteers to cover a four-week month (90 volunteers during the month of July), a target which is unrealistic to meet. Therefore we are very keen to see if more volunteers could come forward - perhaps to do a reading or to help the two sidespeople, to serve coffee/tea, and for those with a technical interest to assist with streaming or to work the powerpoint during the service, or indeed help with after-service clearing up…. Please let David or Alex know if you can help in any way or would like to find out more about the roles. Thank you in advance!

**The next phase of restoration has started!** The scaffolding is up 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.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 31st *7th Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion (Reverend Robert Evens)

 9.30am Parish Communion (Reverend Robert Evens)

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Mon 1st 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tues 2nd 2.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom (contact Katrina)

Wed 3rd 9.30am Holy Communion (Reverend Robert Evens)10.30am Tiny Tots

4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm Bell ringing

Thurs 4th 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUNDAY 7th *8t*h *Sunday after Trinity*

 8.00am Holy Communion (Reverend Robert Evens)

9.30am Parish Communion and Baptism of Louella Sykes (Reverend Robert Evens)

11.15am Morning Piano Recital by Jill Crossland (free admission)

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Next week’s readings: Genesis 15: 1-6, Psalm 33: 12-end [or 12-21], Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40

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2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.