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

*“BUILDING WITH CHRIST”*

Easter Sunday

Worship on Sunday 31st March 2024

**THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD TODAY.**

**COME TO CHURCH AN HOUR EARLY!**

**8.00am****Holy Communion**

A simple, peaceful start to the day, taking place at the High Altar. Revd Phillipa Maddox will be leading and preaching as we celebrate Easter today.

**9.30am****Easter Communion**

Revd Phillipa Maddox will be leading and preaching at our worship. as we welcome the new light of the resurrection of Jesus when we bring the new Paschal candle into church. Easter eggs will be given out at the end of the service.

*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 April (Easter 2)**

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Elizabeth Bunker)

9.30am Parish Communion (Revd Elizabeth Bunker)

Remember - no Messy Church today as we had a special one on Good Friday. The next one is on Sunday 5th May.

**Prayers and readings for this Sunday**

**Hymns:**

348 Jesus Christ is risen today

419 Lord the light of your love is shining (Shine Jesus shine)

637 The day of resurrection

672 Thine be the glory

**The Collect**

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**.

**The New Testament reading Acts 10:34-43**

34Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

**The Gospel: John 20:1-18**

1Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ 16Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ which means Teacher. 17Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.“’ 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Open spaces and footpaths and all new build and converted properties which are not mentioned in our Cycle of Prayer.

\*Those in need of healing:

Paula Conder, Andy Ball, Nicky Bull, Stephen Collins, Norman Holmes, Nicola Rowe, Claire Farbrother, Ashley Pinn, Jeanette Jackson.

Those who have died recently:

Jilly Mercer, Michael Cooper

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week:

Pat Harding, Peter Gathercole, Ivy Croft, Derek Barton, Eric Woodward, Rose Gray

*\*please note that we will keep names on this list for up to one month and then remove them. If you would like your name to remain on the list, please contact Revd Phillipa.*

**Choir Anthem:** **Good Christians all rejoice and sing** (hymn 241 in the orange hymn book)

**Post Communion**

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Big Church Clean last Saturday. The church looks amazing and we are very grateful to you all for giving up your time to maintain our ancient building.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage**

Hundreds of people will be journeying across the Diocese for a joyful celebration at St. Albans Abbey on 1st April.  This year Rev. Phillipa is one of the speakers, so there is even more reason to come along!  A group of us will be walking together (probably from Hatfield).  Let Phillipa know if you would like to join the group.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in church at 11am on Sunday 21st April. All invited to attend.

**Eco Tip Easter Day:** Celebrate Easter by celebrating all of creation: Take some walks/ cycles and notice the blossom, flowers and bees giving your mood a lift!

**The Friends of St Mary’s (FOSM) update**

FOSM are still seeking a Treasurer – can you help?

Friends of St Mary’s church, Baldock run various events to fundraise for the repairs and maintenance of our historic church, which is such an important building within Baldock. We are looking for someone to take on the role of our treasurer, to:

* maintain the financial records;
* pay expenses;
* bank income received;
* submit gift aid relief claims;
* and produce the annual accounts.

Might you be that person? Could you spare a couple of hours a month? The committee meets every 6-8 weeks. If you’d like to learn more about it, email fosmbaldock@gmail.com

Baldock Street Fair – Sat 18th May

FOSM will be hosting a stall at the Baldock Street Fair. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine for the ‘water into wine’ or cake donations for refreshments in the church, we would be very grateful. Wine donations can be left in the vestry and cake donations on the day (or day before) please.

Tower Trips – Sat 18th May

We are also having tower trips on 18th May – if you can help to staff the tower (four volunteers per shift are needed to keep the tower open), please contact Paul MacArthur on stmarystowertrips@gmail.com

**Join our new Group on Facebook!**

We have formed a new group on Facebook called **St Mary’s Church Chat**. This is a space where we can share ideas, discuss activities, highlight worship and promote events – and anything else connected to St Mary’s Church. To join the group, click on this [link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/426129636422913) or use the QR code.

**Could you be a school governor for our church school?** St. Mary’s Infant School is looking for a new governor. School governors are members of our local community who care about our school and the young people we support. Being a school governor can be a very positive experience. Share your skills and passion for the success of our school and become a governor. Talk to Rev. Phillipa, Aileen Barry or Laura Higgins to find out more.

**Electoral Roll:** The church electoral roll is being revised in preparation for the annual meeting in April. If you are already on the roll, there is no need to reapply. However, if you are not on the roll and would like to be, providing you are over 16 and baptised, and either live in the parish or have been a regular attender at this church for at least six months, then you may apply. Application forms are in church or can be found [here](https://resource.stalbansdiocese.org/courses-events-and-resources/form-for-enrolment-on-electoral-roll/). Completed forms can be put into the black post box outside the church hall.

The next **Fellowship Lunch** will be on Sunday 21st April (immediately after the APCM). More details to follow but please put it in your diaries.

The next **Communion service at Magdalene Court** is on Mon 8th April at 10.30am.

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17Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.“’

**Hidden Humour:**

How many Easter eggs can you fit in an empty basket? Only one. After that, it’s not empty anymore!

Next Week’s Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133, 1 John 1- 2, 2 John 20: 19-end

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUNDAY 31st *Easter Day*

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Phillipa Maddox)

9.30am Easter Communion (Revd Phillipa Maddox)

Mon 1st *Bank Holiday Monday / Monday of Easter Week*

APRIL Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey (see notice)

Tue 2nd *Tuesday of Easter Week*

Wed 3rd *Wednesday of Easter Week*

9.30am Holy Communion (Revd Elizabeth Bunker)

 No Tiny Tots today

4.45pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

7.30pm Bellringing

Thurs 4th  *Thursday of Easter Week*

5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Fri 5th *Friday of Easter Week*

Sat 6th *Saturday of Easter Week*

10.00am Safeguarding training in the church hall

SUNDAY 7th *Easter 2*

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Elizabeth Bunker)

9.30am Parish Communion (Revd Elizabeth Bunker)

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Revd Phillipa and Mike wish everyone a very Happy Easter!