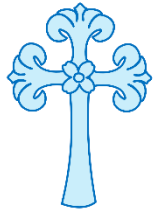


St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.
St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.
“Growing in Love”



6th Sunday after Trinity
Worship on Sunday 12th July 2026

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 at our worship.

9.30am Parish Communion with Junior Church

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11.00am Parish Communion at Bygrave

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5.00pm Youth Group

Fun and food for our young people.

Evening Prayer and Silent (Contemplative) Prayer are Zoomed on the days shown in Week at a Glance (use the link below for both). Everyone is warmly invited to these prayer sessions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188370718?pwd=MVVDelNMbEppRldBYnFpN0NwTlhhQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8837 0718

Passcode: 188423

Next Sunday's worship: 19th July - 7th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Phillipa Maddox)

9.30am Parish Praise! in the hall (Revd Phillipa Maddox)

Giving to St. Mary's: As part of our worship, there is an opportunity to make a cash or electronic donation towards the ministry of our church. Please consider becoming a regular supporter by joining the Parish Giving Scheme. See our website to find out how: <https://www.stmarysbaldock.org.uk/financial-giving/> or you can contact Parish Giving Scheme directly by telephone - 0333 002 1260.

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Hymns: 32 And Can It Be, That I Should Gain
298 I Am A New Creation
719 We Plough the Fields and Scatter
766 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Prayers and readings for this Sunday

The Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

New Testament Reading: Romans 8.1-11

⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Psalm 119 – The Will of God

The will of God to mark my way,
The word of God for light;

Eternal justice to obey
in ever lasting right.

Your eyes of mercy keep me still,
Your gracious love be mine;
So work in me your perfect will
and cause your face to shine.

With ordered step secure and strong,
From sins oppression freed,
Redeemed from every kind of wrong
in thought and word and deed.

So set my heart to love your word
and every promise prove,
To walk with truth before the Lord
in righteousness and love.

The Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

¹³That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This week, please remember in your prayers these areas of our parish: Chilvers Bank, Hilltop, The Leas, The Rise, St Mary's Way, The Glade

*Those in need of healing: Paula Conder, Nicky Bull, Phil Charsley, Lorraine Northern, Muriel Peterson, Rosie Bell, Andy Ball, Dave Chadwick, Joan Brasier, Lynda Mills, Rachael Evan-Hart, Jennie Ledster

Those who have died recently: David Sellick, Stephen Mansfield

Those whose anniversary of death is remembered this week: Ron Wright; Elsie Wilkinson; Kate Jones; Mary Jones; Caroline Murphy

** Please let Revd Phillipa know if you would like your name to remain for longer than 1 month.*

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

9am – 9.05am: Pre-service Prayer Meeting in the Trinity Chapel – all are welcome to join us as we pray for the spiritual and numerical growth of our church.

A Prayer for Growth

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to St Mary's and St Margaret's
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our churches to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community.

We pray especially this week for ways to engage teenagers in church and for the youth group.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS & EVENTS

Recognise Week – the Church of England pays tribute this week to all who are involved in children and families work in local churches. Here at St. Mary's, we want to say a special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to support this valuable work in our church.

David Sellick's Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm on Weds 15 July 2026

Coffee in August – We are short of coffee volunteers for the 9.30 services in August. If you can help serve coffee during this summer month, please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of Church.

Kitchen Deep Clean - We are looking for a small team to help give our kitchen a thorough clean to ensure we meet the legal hygiene requirements ahead of our next inspection by the Environmental Health Officer. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Cheryl at the church office.

Bible Study groups - You are welcome to join us on a Sunday 7-8.30pm or Monday 1.30-3pm. Both groups meet on a fortnightly basis. Please contact the church office for more information.

CIS – Letchworth and District Initiative to Schools Trust

are seeking a part time schools worker. For more information, please email employment@cisletchworth.org.uk and see website at www.cisletchworth.org.uk.

Baldock Big Walk Update - Members of the congregation are now over 1/2 way through their challenge to walk 195 miles around Hertfordshire this year, raising money for Church Hall improvements. If you would like to walk all, or part, of the course please email Baldockbigwalk@gmail.com for more details. You can also sponsor the walkers here: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/big-hertfordshire-walk>.



The Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night is back on Friday 17th July at St Mary's Church Hall. Gather a team of up to six - or just turn up and join one when you arrive. Expect a lively evening with a pay bar, raffle, prizes and a delicious Mexican supper (bookings and dietary requirements needed by 10 July). Every penny raised goes towards restoring the hall. Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7pm. £15 per person. For more info,

contact fosm@stmarysbaldock.org.uk

<https://www.ticketsource.com/fosm/fosm-quiz-night/2026-07-17/19:00/t-ldemmpk>

Eco Tip: Treat water as a precious resource - why not collect the water you run for the hot tap and use to water your plants and use a watering can not a sprinkler to water selected plants (leave the grass - it will recover later).

Bible Quiz: What does the name Eden mean?

Next week's readings: Genesis 28.10-19a, Psalm 139.1-11, 23, 24, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43.



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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	12.00pm Fellowship Lunch
	5.00pm Youth Group
Mon 13 th	5.00pm Silent Prayer on Zoom
Tues 14 th	<i>John Keble, priest, poet, 1866</i>
	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Wed 15 th	<i>Swithun, bishop, c862</i>
	10.00am Tiny Tots in church
	11.15am Holy Communion Service
	1.30pm Celebration of Life Service for David Sellick RIP
	4.00pm Growing Voices children's singing club – all welcome
Thu 16 th	5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.45pm Choir Practice
Sat 18 th	<i>Benedict, abbot, c550</i>
	3.00pm Wedding of Wendy McLellan and Steven Smith
Sun 19 th	7 th Sunday after Trinity
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