



*Our Benefice church family is welcoming and inclusive to all.  
We aim to reach and serve our communities and work lovingly in friendship and partnership. Together, we 'travel with' our Lord faithfully and sacramentally.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

**18.00** Building Oversight Group meeting,  
**west end of church**

### SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

**14.00** Garden Party in aid of our Building  
Project Appeal

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

### TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

**10.00 – 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**

**19.00** New Learners' bellringing,  
followed by

**19.30** Bellringers' Practice

### WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

**19.30** Fabric Committee meeting,  
**Seckford Room**

### THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup>

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**12.45** Funeral for Micki Brown, **Seven  
Hills Crematorium**

### FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August

**19.00** Bellringers' barbecue, **The Rectory**

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

**11.00** Wedding of Cara-Lee Anderson &  
James Bleese, **Woodbridge**

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

**09.30** Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

**11.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

### TODAY'S Readings

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Trinity 6**

Genesis 18. 20-32

(Luke 11. 1-13)

### Readings for NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Trinity 7**

Hosea 11. 1-11

(Luke 12. 13-21)

## NOTICES

**ST MARY'S HOUSE** – We apologise for any inconvenience caused this week whilst St Mary's House was temporarily closed. The building (including the Shop) will **re-open on Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> July)**, but an investigation is ongoing to find the source and cause of a water leak, and any developments monitored. The accessible toilet will not be in use until Monday afternoon after an (unrelated) plumbing issue has been fixed. Further updates will follow as the investigation proceeds.

**GARDEN PARTY** in aid of our Building Project Appeal will take place **THIS Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July** from **2pm to 4pm**. Tickets are £12, which includes a cream tea and a glass of Prosecco. Last chance today to get your tickets by calling the Parish Office on 01394 388820. You will be given the address of the garden party and will be able to pay once you arrive.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO RING OUR BELLS?** We now have a learners' practice from **7pm every Tuesday evening** before our main Ringing Practice, to which you would be very welcome. You can just turn up or get in touch with Bruce, our Tower Captain, [brucewakefield@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brucewakefield@tiscali.co.uk) or any of our ringers, to find out a bit more. No upper age limit, but there are 52 steps up to the ringing chamber!



**HOP TO IT SUFFOLK!** St Elizabeth's Hospice art trail is open **until 29<sup>th</sup> August**, and this year, for the first time, has extended outside of Ipswich, and includes Woodbridge. St Mary's CE Primary are taking part, and have run several successful fundraising events. Their hare sculpture is number 49, entitled **'Stars of St Mary's'**: *"St Mary's CofE Primary School, Woodbridge. Each of us is like a shining star with all our talents, hopes and dreams. We shine across the world with love for our neighbours and respect for our planet."* **Have you found their hare yet?**



**ST MARY'S SHOP** - 'As far as possible Fair Trade, Sustainable or Local'  
**Open again from 10am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July!** We've added to our Fairtrade food offering with deliveries of Green & Black's cocoa (as requested!), Clipper instant hot chocolate and Ibis brown jasmine rice, as well as further supplies of Just 5 bars which are currently 'on offer'. We also have Satya incense sticks in sandalwood or patchouli which are making the Shop smell lovely!

**BENEFICE QUIET DAY** – Fr Nigel has booked Rev'd Canon Sharron Coburn, Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese, to lead us on **Thursday 28th August** in **Great Bealings**. Please sign up on the lists available in both our Churches if you are planning to join us. Thank you.

**SUFFOLK HAS OVER 500 CHURCHES!** Please support the annual **'Ride & Stride'** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** from **9am to 5pm**. Both our Benefice Churches have received recent grants from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, so it is really good if we 'pay them back' on such an important day!



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from 4pm today (Friday 25<sup>th</sup>) until 9am on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**FREEDOM OF WOODBRIDGE PARADE** took place this morning at 11am, followed by a short service on the market square.



## AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

(*Intercessors*, please [click here](#) for the Diocesan Prayer Diary)

- For the political will to bring peace & healing to victims of war and hunger, especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, & Sudan; for all refugees seeking protection and freedom; that we may respect the dignity of all human life
- For all visitors to our Church and town on holiday. And to all preparing for holidays or recreation.
- For Cara & James, preparing to be married at St Mary's next Saturday
- Among the sick we are asked to pray for Sarah Dodds, Dianne Tricker, & Penny Bird; and all receiving end of life care in our Hospice and Care homes
- Among the recently departed: for the souls of Terry Whale & Micki Brown (Grove Court) and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love  
you  
such good things as pass our  
understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward  
you  
that we, loving you in all things and  
above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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

### 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

Please contact the Benefice Office for all Baptism, Wedding and Funeral enquiries, and enquiries regarding bookings for the church or St Mary's House, on  
01394 388820 or [parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

**THIS WEEK:** Benefice Office Opening Hours are Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm.

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