

*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.*

## TWO WEEKS AHEAD

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

**09.00** 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**

### TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**10.30** Communion at **Seckford Chapel**

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **Epiphany Chapel, St Mary's Woodbridge**

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

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> (Transfiguration)

**14.00** 'Teams' meeting on Lottery Feedback

### THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

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

### FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August

**11.30** Communion at **Grove Court**

### SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> (Mary Sumner)

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

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> (St Lawrence)

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

**10.00** Parish Eucharist, with Luceat Choir, **Woodbridge**, followed by birthday drinks and canapés in church

**17.30** Luceat Choir Recital, **Woodbridge** (with retiring collection for the choir)

### MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

**11.00** Funeral for Terry Whale, **Woodbridge**

### TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

**10.00 – 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH (tbc)**

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH (tbc)**

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

### WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

**18.00** Friends' Committee Meeting, **The Rectory**

### THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> (Maximillian Kolbe)

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

**14.15** Mothers' Union, **SMH (tbc)**

### FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Assumption of the BVM)

**11.00** Said Mass, **Woodbridge**

**14.00-17.00** Afternoon Teas, **The Rectory**

### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**10.30** Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

## NOTICES

**THANK YOU** to Ann Eve for hosting our Garden Party last Saturday, and to all involved in organising this fabulous event, which raised over £300 towards our Building Project Appeal.

**ST MARY'S HOUSE** – We apologise for any inconvenience caused this week whilst St Mary's House remains closed. An insurance investigation is ongoing to find the source and cause of a water leak, and any developments monitored. Only the Shop will remain open, and all toilets will remain closed. The Bull Inn and The King's Head have kindly agreed their toilets can be used by members of the congregation on Sunday, if needed.

**DONATIONS FOR GAZA** – There will be a retiring collection this Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> August) and next, via the Sanctuary Foundation. Alternatively, please donate online [here](#).

**LUCEAT CHOIR** - This summer, Luceat returns to the beautiful churches of Suffolk & Norfolk for their third annual tour — and they need your help to make it happen! They're celebrating two major musical anniversaries:

🎵 400 years since the death of Orlando Gibbons

🎵 500 years since the birth of Palestrina

and will be bringing their radiant Renaissance music to magical venues including at our 10am Parish Eucharist (**Woodbridge**) on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**. Although the singers give their time freely, they need your support to cover travel, music, and accommodation costs. If you've enjoyed their previous tours, or simply want to support brilliant live choral music in historic places, please consider giving — and sharing! ❤️ Donate [here](#)

**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 ASAP in both our Churches if you are planning to join us. See posters for further details.

**SUFFOLK HAS OVER 500 CHURCHES (not 5,000 as Tony said last Sunday!)** - Please support the annual '[Ride & Stride](#)' on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** from **9am to 5pm**. Sponsor forms available from Jonathan Keer (Great Bealings) on 07962 114378 or Tony Waller (Woodbridge) on 01394 386786 or [anjwaller@uwclub.net](mailto:anjwaller@uwclub.net)). Our recent Fabric Committee meeting agreed to investigate a new 6-bicycle 'rack' in our Churchyard (Woodbridge), close to the porch.



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed after today (Friday 1<sup>st</sup>) until Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please contact the Rector at home instead at [rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org) or call 01394 610424.

**ST MARY'S SHOP** - *'As far as possible Fair Trade, Sustainable or Local'*

New and exclusive to St Mary's Shop - good quality, cotton tea towels printed with drawings of St Mary's and Woodbridge landmarks by local artist, Mark Beesley. Just £9.50 each.

**A NEW HEATING SYSTEM** – Our Consultant Engineer completed his draft survey last week, and our PCC and Fabric Committee have made further recommendations for our joint consideration. We are planning to hold an Extraordinary PCC Meeting (to discuss and decide upon this single issue only) on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.**

**'ASSUMPTION' AFTERNOON TEA** at **The Rectory** from **2pm to 5pm** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.** Please take a poster! £5 donation (or more if you can) in aid of our Building Project Appeal. There will be a jam & fresh bread stall / raffle, so if you can donate either or both, you will be warmly blessed!

**"ECO DAY"** on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm** at **St Mary's Church, Parish Room, Great Blakenham IP6 0LN.** This church has recently achieved an Eco Church Silver Award so we can be inspired to do the same? There will be stalls with Eco information and products. Details from [wendyatstmaryschurch@gmail.com](mailto:wendyatstmaryschurch@gmail.com). All welcome.

**TODAY'S Readings**

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

**Trinity 7**

Hosea 11. 1-11

(Luke 12. 13-21)

**Readings for NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Trinity 8**

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

(John 12. 24-26)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Isaiah 5. 1-7

(Luke 12. 49-56)

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)

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## AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- Among the sick we are asked to pray for Sarah Dodds, Sally (in hospital), & Penny Bird; and all receiving end of life care in our Hospice and Care homes
- Among the recently departed: for the souls of David Berry, Terry Whale & Micki Brown, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

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

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

### COLLECT FOR NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

O God, by whose grace we are  
brought to the yearly remembrance of  
the suffering of your deacon Saint  
Lawrence:  
Grant that, as you made him strong to  
endure the pains of martyrdom, so, in  
the power of your Spirit, we may  
overcome the fires of temptation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**THIS WEEK - 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK – 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your  
word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung  
your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the  
tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been  
fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your  
life; glory to you for ever.  
AMEN