

*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 5th

11.30 Communion at **Grove Court**
18.00 A Special Concert (see details below*), **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

SATURDAY 6th

09.00 Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

SUNDAY 7th (Trinity 12)

****No services in Woodbridge****

11.00 Patronal Festival, followed by 'bring & share' lunch in the churchyard, **Great Bealings**. Parking as usual in field behind the War Memorial.

TUESDAY 9th

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**
17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**
19.00 PCC Meeting, **SMH**
19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

THURSDAY 11th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
14.15 Mothers' Union, **SMH**
18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 13th

****Road closures 10am to 9pm for Shire Hall anniversary event****

09.00 Morning Prayer **via Zoom**
09.00 – 17.00 Annual Ride 'n' Stride event, **Suffolk Churches (including St Mary's Woodbridge & Great Bealings)**
12.00 Wedding of Rachael Clark & Michael Staines, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**
12.00 – 17.00 450th Anniversary of the Shire Hall event, **Market Hill**

SUNDAY 14th (Holy Cross Sunday)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 7th September
Trinity 12; Patronal Festival
Isaiah 61. 10-end
(Luke 1. 18-23)

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 14th September
Holy Cross Sunday
Numbers 21. 4-9
Philippians 2. 5-11
(John 3. 3-17)

NOTICES

THANK YOU to our Bellringers, who were privileged to have been asked to ring the bells to celebrate the start of the Tour of Britain cycle race on Tuesday. Read more about it [here](#).

***A SPECIAL CONCERT** will take place in **St Mary's Woodbridge THIS FRIDAY 5th September at 6pm**. Thirty-six invited singers, some from as far afield as the USA and Australia, will come together to present a programme of music by composers from the east of England and the near continent, all born around the beginning of the 16th century.

The conductor will be Eamonn Dougan, deputy director of The Sixteen. The music will include the mass 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' by Pierre de Manchicourt and the monumental 'Peccavimus cum patribus' of Christopher Tye. The group, which calls itself 'The Woodbridge Music Party', has been put together by the London music promoter Andrew van der Beek, who grew up in near Woodbridge in Easton, where his father was Rector. His work now takes him all over Europe and even to the Caribbean, but he says. "it will be a great treat to return to Suffolk, where I first acquired a taste for early music, to sing in the wonderful church of St Mary and to have the chance to visit some of my old haunts." **There will be a retiring collection towards our Building Project Appeal.**

BENEFICE PATRONAL FESTIVAL - THIS Sunday 7th September at St Mary's, Great Bealings at 11am, followed by a bring 'n' share buffet in the churchyard. There will be a 'donation' bar. **No services in Woodbridge!** If anyone would like a lift to Great Bealings, Tony & Jean Waller have offered to help. Please call them on 01394 386786.

MOTHERS' UNION - Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 11th September at 2.15pm in SMH**. September's talk will be on 'Eco Church' by Rita James. All are very welcome to come and hear what Rita has to say about the future, and the way forward for St Mary's Church into a more eco-friendly environment.

SUFFOLK HAS OVER 500 churches - Please support the annual ['Ride & Stride'](#) on **Saturday 13th 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



If you'd like to support our riders & recorders for this event, there will be a bucket in church 'on the day' and on Sunday 14th for quick-fire donations, of which 50% will come back for our own church building funds (as with all sponsorship).

450 YEARS OF THE SHIRE HALL - On **Saturday 13th September**, Woodbridge will celebrate the 450th anniversary of its historic Shire Hall with a free, Elizabethan-themed event **from 12pm to 5pm on Market Hill**. Part of National Heritage Week, the festivities honour this iconic building, a civic landmark since the reign of Elizabeth I. Visitors can step inside the Shire Hall and explore its legacy, including rare access to the first-floor courtroom. Activities include art and music from the Woodbridge Festival (Friday evening), costumed actors recreating Tudor street scenes, interactive storytelling, jesters, and a traditional dance workshop. 'Pearl in the Egg' will perform Elizabethan music throughout the afternoon (Saturday). Food and drink will include a subsidised hog roast, pie and mash, heritage ice cream from The Galley Creamery, and drinks from The Kings Head pub.

WOODBIDGE AMBIENT MUSIC FESTIVAL – Now an annual event, there are a huge range of events taking place over the weekend of Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September, full details of which can be found on their [website](#) (where you can also buy tickets). We are delighted to be hosting '**Tom Rogerson & Friends**' again, as part of this event, on **Saturday 20th September** at 7pm in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**.

CLASSICAL COLDPLAY TRIBUTE BY CANDLELIGHT – On **Friday 26th September** in **St Mary's Woodbridge**, featuring a String Trio. There will be two performances, at **7pm and 9pm**. This is organised by [Lumos Experiences](#), who hold these events all over the country, so we are delighted that they have chosen our beautiful church to host this one. You can see more details and [book tickets here](#).

BUILDING PROJECT APPEAL – Updated information on our Building Project Appeal in Woodbridge is posted on the south walls of the church, but can also be read on our [website](#). Further details and costs will be updated as soon as we have them.

GREAT BEALINGS CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP - Join us on **Saturday 4th October**, starting around **8.30am** and finishing at lunchtime. Mid-morning coffee and lunch will be provided on site, as usual, as a thank you. You don't have to commit to the whole morning, any help is greatly appreciated, even if it's just an opportunity to deal with a specific grave, do come and tend it in good company. Inside 'tidy-uppers' also very welcome. All sorts of implements useful, particularly rakes, strimmers, secateurs, shears, bonfire kit. The main jobs are grass strimming, raking and burning, hedge control, path clearance, and some grave maintenance. Please contact Norman Porter: nhp@rillcott.co.uk

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed
Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our
weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
Jesus Christ 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 most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made
flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of
our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the
joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of
holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN



*Tour of Britain passes St Mary's House
(photo courtesy of Katharine Turner)*

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