

*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

SATURDAY 11th

09.00 Lay Elder Training & Social Morning, **Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket**

14.00 Wedding of Sophie Glover & Tom Garnham, **Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 12th (Trinity 17; 'Prison Sunday')

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

TUESDAY 14th

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

10.30 Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **Epiphany Chapel**

19.00 Practical Mysticism course continues, **SMH**

19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

THURSDAY 16th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

19.30 Deanery Synod, **St John's, Woodbridge**

FRIDAY 17th (St Ignatius)

11.30 Communion at **Grove Court**

18.00 Building Oversight Meeting, **Small Hall**

SATURDAY 18th (St Luke)

09.00 Prayer meeting via Zoom

SUNDAY 19th (Trinity 18; 'Stewardship Sunday')

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

N.B. There will be no vehicular access to the churchyard on **Wednesday 22nd October**, due to root investigation works near the gateway.

TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 12th October

Trinity 17

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Luke 17. 11-19

Readings for NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th October

Trinity 18

Proverbs 3. 5-12

1 Corinthians 3. 1-4

Mark 12. 41-44

NOTICES

THANK YOU to Kirsten & David Berridge and their team of helpers for the excellent Harvest Lunch last Sunday. We raised £538.05 towards church funds.



Photos courtesy of Janice Poulson

OUR LOCAL SALVATION ARMY have also received a £400 donation (via our Churchwardens, Michelle & David) from the Sayers Charity, for helping with temporary accommodation for the homeless.

PRISONS WEEK starts on **Sunday 12th October**. It is when we pray for prisoners, their families, their victims, and all working in the Justice system. The display in church gives news of our local prisons, HMP/YOI Hollesley Bay & Warren Hill; and suggests new ways to support them.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS / DONATIONS - We no longer take a collection during services, but regular giving remains vital to running St Mary's, Woodbridge. Please support us through regular giving via the Parish Giving Scheme, by placing a donation (ideally in a Gift Aid envelope) in the plate at the back, or by using our contactless donation station. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact the Treasurer (Alison), Giving Steward (Sarah) or one of the Churchwardens (David or Michelle) if you require assistance.

CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION – Churches Together (CTWA) have asked members of our church congregations to design a Christmas Card that will be delivered throughout Woodbridge and neighbouring parishes. The design must:

- be suitable to be reproduced on an A5 (148 x 210 mm) postcard
- be landscape orientation
- represent Jesus' birth

This is for all ages and can be **either a painting or photograph**. All entries should be submitted to the Parish Office **by 27th October**, and the winning design will be chosen by CTWA shortly thereafter.

RIDE 'N' STRIDE – Last call, please, for sponsorship monies to Tony (Woodbridge) or Jonathan (Great Bealings), so that we can announce final totals NEXT Sunday. Thank you.

'HERITAGE MORNING' & 'GIFT DAY' (Woodbridge - for our 'Heating Appeal') will take place on **Saturday 8th November**, from **9.30am to 12.30pm** at **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. It will include a rare opportunity to experience a mini church tour, led by one of our patrons, Canon Roy Tricker BEM, visit the bellringing chamber, come and hear the organ played, and find out how it works, view the Church Records' 5-volume beautifully illustrated record, and much more. There will be children's activities, and refreshments available throughout the morning. See [our website](#) for more information. **Veronica has challenged each of us to invite 10 people to come along!**

Discussions during the week have made us believe that a **'family links' display** would be viable. If you have any pictures, artefacts, records or photos thereof that show connections with previous generations of worshippers and would be happy to contribute them, please let Linda or Veronica know.

DONORS BY COLOUR? Fr Nigel has just received the first 'Silver' Donor gift for our new 'Heating' fund (a happy & generous father of a recent bride)! The following 'colours' will be an encouraging guide we propose to use during our Heritage Morning and beyond...

- Bronze = £1,000+
- Silver = £5,000+
- Gold = £10,000+
- Platinum = £20,000+

'STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY' – Please see poster, and distribute where possible. It is an opportunity to say 'thank you' in both our Churches, as well as a time to find out more about our Parish Giving Scheme and any other queries you may have for our 'Finance Team.' **N.B. The PGS website will be 'closed' from 13th October until 30th October whilst the system is being upgraded. Full service will resume thereafter.** At **6.30pm** our Cathedral Youth Choir are coming (see posters), which is great!

READERS & INTERCESSORS ROTA – We are looking for more volunteers, so please have a word with Fr Nigel to find out more.

ST MARY'S (WOODBIDGE) PENS are on sale in the Church Shop and at the back of church (Woodbridge) for £2 each or a pack of three for £5. All proceeds will go towards our 'Heating Appeal.'

GREAT BEALINGS CHURCHYARD – Thank you to our twenty volunteers who worked so hard last Saturday. The prayers of St Francis were truly answered as 'Storm Amy' went more northerly than easterly!

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For the staff, chaplaincy and inmates at our local prisons; for their visitors, families, & welfare support. Give thanks for the gift and goals of restorative justice, wherever they are needed...
- For our Mothers' Union
- For those imprisoned by hunger, persecution or war in the world...

Among the sick: for Penny Bird, Paul Cherry, Betty Richardson, and Di Tricker; for those of our Benefice family in long term care...

Among the recently departed: for Nicola Nolan

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Lord, we pray that your grace may
always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to
all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN



Harvest flowers in the porch (photo courtesy of Janice Poulson)

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

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