

*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 4th (St Francis of Assisi)

08.30 – 12.30 Churchyard clear up, **Great Bealings** 'weather permitting.' Norman Porter will be making a decision on Friday afternoon, so please check with him if you don't hear directly.

SUNDAY 5th (Harvest)

09.30 Harvest Festival Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

11.00 All-age Harvest Festival Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by Harvest Lunch in **SMH** (tickets available from the Church Shop) for our Benefice family & friends

MONDAY 6th

18.00 Shop Finance Meeting, **Seckford Room**

TUESDAY 7th

09.20 KS1 St Mary's CE Primary service, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **Epiphany Chapel**

19.00 Practical Mysticism course continues, **SMH**

19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

THURSDAY 9th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

14.15 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, **Woodbridge**

16.00 Seckford Care Committee Meeting

18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 11th

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**

TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 5th October

Harvest Festival

Genesis 1. 1-3, 24-31a

Deuteronomy 8. 7-18

John 6. 25-35

Readings for NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12th October

Trinity 17

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Luke 17. 11-19

NOTICES

OUR HARVEST LUNCH is **THIS Sunday 5th October** at **12.30pm** in **St Mary's House**, to be kindly prepared by Kirsten Berridge, and tickets are £10 each. The lunch will consist of roast ham served with salad and new potatoes (there will be a vegetarian alternative), followed by apple pie, and lots of wine has been ordered for our Donation Bar! Please let us know if you'd like to come ASAP, as there is still room!

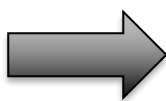
Unfortunately, our dishwasher has broken down, and a replacement has been ordered, but this will not be available for this Sunday, so **volunteer 'washer uppers'** would be very much appreciated, please. Thank you.



THANK YOU to Liz and Patricia who stepped in at the last minute to support the organisers of the excellent Classical Coldplay Tribute by Candlelight last Friday. The church was packed for the 7pm concert, and the photo shown was taken during the less busy 9pm show. We very much still need a 'Concert Coordinator' (or two) who can help in the near future.

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.

NEW ORGAN 'SWELL ENGINE' Please have a confidential word with James or Fr Nigel if you would like to 'boost' our PCC Organ Fund (which continues to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of our 'biggest instrument'), to reach our £5,400 target. The new engine is very clever, although rather less interesting than the old one!



MOTHERS' UNION - our next meeting is on **Thursday 9th October** at **2.15pm** in Church for Corporate Communion followed by 'A Discussion' in SMH lead by Anne Wright. Topic on the day!! All are very welcome to attend, refreshments will be provided.

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.

'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 inside the organ' and see 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 poster on p7, and [our website](#) for more information. If you are able to help on the day, please come along to a short meeting in the **Small Hall** at **11.30am** on **Tuesday 7th October**. Thank you.

RIDE 'N' STRIDE – Huge thanks to Jonah and Samson who cycled 55 miles, visiting 26 churches (but none in Ipswich)! They received £490 in sponsorship 'promises', and £150 of that total still remains to be collected. Please give all remaining sponsorship monies to Jonah or Tony (Woodbridge) or Jonathan (Great Bealings), ideally, **by Sunday 19th October** to meet our deadline with SHCT. Thank you again for your generous support, which brings our total to over £1,000.

LAY ELDER TRAINING AND SOCIAL MORNING on **Saturday 11th October** at **9am**, at **The Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE**. (From the Diocese weekly e-News) "... As part of our two-year cycle of training and celebrating, we are holding an Elders' training and social morning with special guest speakers from across the Diocese. The workshops have been designed to help and resource you in your ministry. We are also very pleased that our keynote speaker will be the Ven Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury. To register, please [click here](#)."

DEFIBRILLATOR (at the side of St Mary's House) is now operative again, and our thanks to David Sharples for all his work on this. Fr Nigel has contacted all our Market Hill neighbours to update them. David is also organising another one for inside St Mary's Church (Woodbridge).

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA – We are looking for more helpers, please, to join our team. Please have a word with Michelle if you would like to help us. Thank you.

OUR CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHOIR are coming (with their new Precentor) to lead Evensong for us on **Sunday 19th October** at **6.30pm**. Further details to follow.

BEAT THOSE WEEDS! Thank you to everyone who helped at our new monthly ‘garden club’ in our **Woodbridge St Mary’s Churchyard**. **Last Saturday of the month at 10.30am** if you can make it next time – all welcome!

SHOP NEWS – New ‘Woodbridge St Mary’ pens have been newly commissioned to support our new ‘heating fund’ (there are just 600 of them to sell!). They are selling at £2 each, or £5 for a pack of three. They will be displayed on the tables at the Harvest Lunch (thanks to David Berridge).

UPDATE ON NEW HEATING SYSTEM (WOODBIDGE) – The estimated costs for a new heating system are £225,000 + VAT. We can only go out to tender after Faculty permissions are granted. A new source of possible grant funding is now being investigated by the Friends of St Mary’s.



BUILDING HEALTHY ORGANISATIONS AND CHURCHES is a free event to be held at **St Michael’s, Martlesham Heath** on **Saturday 1st November** from **9.30am to 4.30pm**, sponsored by Association of Christians in Counselling, and in partnership with [Inspire Counselling & Training](http://InspireCounselling&Training.org.uk). Details are on posters at the back of both churches, or [click here](http://InspireCounselling&Training.org.uk). To book your place, please email: contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk by 27th October.

THANK YOU to our flower arrangers at both our Churches this weekend, for decorating with flowers and foliage in such wonderful autumn colours for us to enjoy. It is appreciated, as are everyone’s Harvest Gifts.

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For the new Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE (presently Bishop of London)
- Give thanks for all our Suffolk farmers and food producers, all who care for livestock, and all who fish our seas...
- Help us to cherish and share our natural resources; for greater international understanding of the effects of climate change
- For 'Eco Church' and 'Champions' in our Deanery & Diocese... and the prayers of St Francis!
- In our Benefice, for Junior Church, and their leaders
- In our town, for the Salvation Army, their foodbank, and all affected by food and fuel poverty; for the homeless...
- In our nation, for greater understanding and respect between different faith and racial groups

Among the sick: for Penny Bird, Paul Cherry, Betty Richardson, and Di Tricker

Among the recently departed: for Cyril Wardrop; for those tragically killed on Yom Kippur at Crumpsall Synagogue

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

God of all creation,
give us a heart to be good stewards of
what you have made.

Give us the wisdom to use what you
have provided us with for the benefit of
all.

Give us the courage to stand firm when
your creation is at risk.

May we use what you have generously
given us to be generous to others and
to proclaim the Good News of your
Kingdom.

We ask this in the name of your Son our
Saviour, Jesus Christ.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
Around your table we taste your
generosity and your sacrificial love;
help us to be rooted, grafted and built
in you,
that in all we are and all we do,
we may show forth abundant
thanksgiving
and live lives of immeasurable
gratitude;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN



The new Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE (presently Bishop of London)

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY**

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon your servant Sarah,
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury
and all who are committed to her care,
the spirit of your saving grace,
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Heritage Morning & 'Gift Day'

Saturday 8th November
9.30am to 12.30pm

Mini Church Tours (led by
Canon Roy Tricker BEM),
visit the Ringing Chamber,
read the Book of Remembrance,
explore the Churchyard,
see inside the Organ,
and much more...

Children's Activities
Refreshments



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