

Our new Christian Year begins today (30th November)! Our Lectionary Readings change to Year A. This Sunday's Advent 'O antiphon' is "O ADONAI"

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 28th

13.00 Great Bealings' PCC Meeting

17.00 More Woodbridge Christmas lights switched on, **Whisstocks Place** (event from 4pm onwards)

SATURDAY 29th November

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

15.00-17.00 Our Christmas Market, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 30th (1st of Advent)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge (Epiphany Chapel)**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Choral Evensong & Benediction, **Woodbridge**



SUNDAY 7th (2nd of Advent)

09.30 Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, including donations of new toys for Suffolk Refugee Support & East Anglia Children's Hospices (*see below**)

12.30 Rector's Reception in **SMH**, & Italian Advent Lunch



TODAY'S Readings Sunday 30th November 1st of Advent

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Romans 13. 11-end

Matthew 24. 36-44

TUESDAY 2nd December

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

15.00& 19.00 Town Council 'open meetings', **Quay Church** (*see below***)

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

THURSDAY 4th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

18.15 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 6th (St Nicholas)

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

Readings for NEXT WEEK Sunday 7th December 2nd of Advent

Isaiah 11. 1-10

Matthew 3. 1-12

N.B. The 8am Sunday Eucharist will be in the Epiphany Chapel until further notice.

NOTICES

OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET is **THIS Saturday, 29th November**, from **3pm to 5pm**. Please come along & invite your family & friends 😊 Watch out for Gaynor Shire in the Thoroughfare with her billboards! Janice Poulson will have her own 'Angel Wings' photo booth inside St Mary's for children & adults this year. Thank you for all your donations to date.



BUILDING & HEATING FUND DONATIONS are still coming in. Please use the QR code or [click here](#), or use the Donation Station (choose the Fund you wish to support), or directly to our bank account:

Account Name: PCC of St Mary Woodbridge

Account Number: 00034212

Sort code: 40 52 40



If by cheque or BACS, please let our Treasurer or Parish Office know that you would like your donation to go towards a specific Fund (otherwise we won't know). Email: treasurer@stmaryswoodbridge.org or parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org Thank you.

CHEQUE DONATIONS – If you wish to make a cheque donation, please make it payable to '**PCC of St Mary Woodbridge.**' We are grateful for all cheques recently received, but unfortunately, we had not made this clear, and are unable to bank them if made out to St Mary's Church. Thank you for your support.

NEW HEATING – Proposal and NEW accompanying reports (Heritage & Acoustic) are now posted on the south wall of St Mary's - as presented to the DAC (Church planners). We await the outcome from all the latest work detailed after next week's meeting on 4th December. Special thanks to David Sharples, Simon Morris, & John Davis. In the meantime, please wrap up warm, and a carpet 'cushion' is on offer every Sunday (courtesy of Archway Carpets).



ITALIAN ADVENT LUNCH – On **Sunday 7th December** at **12.30pm** in **St Mary's House**, in aid of our Building Project Appeal (including Heating). **Tickets available from the Church Shop** are £25 per person (to include a free glass of Prosecco) for a 3-course meal from Chef Sophie-Rose. Menu will include a trio of crostini, chicken cacciatore, & a choice of orange polenta cake or affogato with a chocolate biscotti. Breads kindly donated by the new 'Acre Bakery' on Market Hill. Please don't miss this

Benefice-wide fundraising event. Grazie! **N.B. Vegetarian and Gluten-free options are available. Please let us know ASAP, please!**



****WOODBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL** are hosting an important open meeting for all who live in Woodbridge on **Tuesday 2nd December** at either **3pm or 7pm** in **Quay Church**. It is to help us decide on the future of our GREEN and BUILT spaces, over a cuppa and mince pie! All welcome.

***‘TOY SERVICES’** – Our annual services, on **Sunday 7th December**, at **both** our churches, where we ask you to donate **new** toys for **East Anglian Children’s Hospices** and **Suffolk Refugee Support**. The latter are supporting more children in need than ever before across Suffolk this year, and would love to bring a little light and cheer to as many as possible this Christmas. Please bring your donations on the day (see suggestions attached). Thank you for your generosity. St Nicholas, pray for us.

OUR NEXT PCC MEETING is **after church (Woodbridge)** (for half an hour only) on **Sunday 14th December**, to decide upon heating matters, and final DAC advice.

ST MARY’S SHOP - More Christmas cards, decorations and gifts continue to be added to our stock so it is worth popping in now and again to see what's arrived! Stanley, our retired churchwarden, has been extremely busy during the year and we have a new consignment of 'Stanley's Hats', just in time for the cold weather. Lots to choose from in a variety of colours and sizes. Yours for a suggested donation of between £5 and £10 each. Thank you for all our helpers on Late Night Shopping & Christmas Lights Switch On night.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ‘A SEASON OF JOY’ – As part of this year’s Church of England themed resources you can read and listen to daily Advent and Christmas reflections from 1st December through the Everyday Faith app, which is available to [download here](#). There are also bitesize daily reflections for young people written by Lucy Rycroft. These can be downloaded in [full colour](#).

WOODBIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT – ‘A selection from Handel’s Messiah’ on **Saturday 13th December** at **7pm** in **St Mary’s, Woodbridge**.

MARKET HILL CAROLS – organised by Woodbridge Rotary is in ‘the great outdoors’ on **Wednesday 17th December at 6.30pm**. Fr Nigel is leading it with his ‘backing group,’ St Mary’s Church Choir. Friends of St Mary’s are selling mulled wine & mince pies very close by!

OUR THANKS TO: The Bull Inn, our Mothers’ Union, The Wild Strawberry café, for donating special raffle prizes this year. Have you bought a sackful of raffle tickets? There’s still time!

CHOIR – If you would like to sing with our choir over the Christmas period, please contact James Davy via email: directorofmusic@stmaryswoodbridge.org

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

That this Advent may be a time of holy listening and renewing faith & hope...

And peace in the world, food for the hungry... relief efforts in Indonesia after extensive floods, in Hong Kong after fires...

We pray for the sick and housebound, especially those known to us: Penny Bird, and Betty Richardson; for the hopeless, & all who suffer mental health problems.

For the recently departed. Among them we pray for the souls of Doreen Snowden, Heather Richards, Frances Fisk (née Wesby), and Gregory Warden. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to
us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living and the
dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son
our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

**“Advent is the hush in the theatre between
the houselights going down and the
curtain going up.”**
(Diocese of Coventry)

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01394 388820 or parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org**

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Thursdays & Fridays 9am to 4pm**

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