

Today we recall St Nicholas, who became the most famous 'present giver!' Thank you to everyone who has brought new toys today, supporting our two charities.

Please bring them up during the Processional Hymn

This Sunday's Advent 'O Antiphon' is "O Radix Jesse."

Please sit for the Gradual Hymn, as per the instruction in the order of service, in **red**.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 6th (St Nicholas)

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 7th (2nd of Advent)

09.30 Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

11.00 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, with our special guests Sir Nick (patron) & Lady Young

18.00 Compline, **Woodbridge (Epiphany Chapel)** All welcome.



18.15 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 13th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

19.00 Woodbridge Choral Society 'Messiah' concert, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 14th (2nd of Advent)

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

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by a brief **PCC Meeting**

18.00 Compline, **Woodbridge (Epiphany Chapel)** All welcome.

TUESDAY 9th

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH** (last one before Christmas)

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

17.30 St Mary's CE Primary Governors' Meeting (**online**)

19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

WEDNESDAY 10th

13.15 Thanksgiving service for Doreen Snowden, **Seckford Chapel**

THURSDAY 11th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

11.00 Y6 St Mary's CE Primary singing at **Seckford Care (JH Dining Room)**

14.15 Mothers' Union, **SMH**

TODAY'S Readings Sunday 7th December 2nd of Advent

Isaiah 11. 1-10
Matthew 3. 1-12

Readings for NEXT WEEK Sunday 14th December 3rd of Advent

Isaiah 35. 1-10
Matthew 11. 2-11

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

NOTICES



THANK YOU to Alison, Michelle, David, Liz, Sue, Jackie, & all involved in the organisation and success of last Saturday's Christmas Market, including visitors, stallholders and other helpers on the day. We're delighted to say that the market raised a grand total of **£2,272.82**. Well done all!

P.S. If you would like to have your picture with 'angel wings,' please ask Janice!



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](#).



CHRISTMAS CARDS POST BOX will appear in church (Woodbridge) for this **Sunday, 7th**, and remain there until **Wednesday 17th December**. The cards will then be sorted and banded ready for collection from Friday 19th December. Please do use surname(s) too, if there is likely to be any doubt about the intended recipient(s)!

ST MARY'S SHOP - We are delighted to have two new books in stock which will appeal to those with an interest in sailing. 'Stars to Steer By' is about 20th Century women who went to sea - for example, Clare Francis and Tracey Edwards. 'Uncommon Courage' tells the story of the yachtsmen volunteers of World War 2. They are the latest books by Julia Jones who was brought up in Woodbridge and is an author and publisher now living in Essex. 50% of the proceeds from each sale will go to our heating fund.

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 CHARITABLE GIVING – This year our **Nine Lessons & Carols** will be supporting our much needed ‘Heating Fund’; at our **Christingle**, we will be supporting [Christian Aid’s Christmas Appeal](#) ‘No crib for a bed...,’ for children & young women of the Congo Republic.

CTWA CHRISTMAS CARDS – Thank you to Barbara and everyone who has helped with sorting and delivering around our streets and homes! Only a few more left to distribute.

CHOIR – Last week’s Sung Evensong and Benediction was glorious, so our thanks to James for instigating, and to all who took part. If you would like to sing with our choir over the Christmas period, please contact James Davy via email: directorofmusic@stmaryswoodbridge.org (His last Sunday with us will be on the Feast of Epiphany, 4th January).

A RENEWED ARCH & LANTERN is to be installed at St Mary’s, Great Bealings this week, after storm damage a while back. Hurrah!

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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.

THE FUTURE OF OUR GREEN & BUILT SPACES in Woodbridge. Following last week’s open meetings with Woodbridge Town Council, please fill in their online questionnaire. For more information and to access a map and the survey [click here](#). **Closing date: 15th December.**

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For peace between Ukraine & Russia, and food for the hungry in the Republic of Congo.
- For the homeless, our Salvation Army Foodbank, and all charitable organisations...

We pray for the sick and housebound, especially those known to us.

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

COLLECTS FOR THIS WEEK

St Nicholas

Almighty Father, lover of souls,
Who chose your servant Nicholas
to be a bishop in the Church,
that he might give freely out of the
treasures of your grace:
make us mindful of the needs of others
and, as we have received, so teach us
also to give;
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

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the
world
and will send him again to be our
judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

**“Advent: jigsaw bits still scattered, but
you’ve pieced together the frame, ground
and sky.”**

(Diocese of Coventry)



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