



*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 18th

19.30 Anglia Youth Orchestra Concert,
Woodbridge

SUNDAY 19th (Easter 3)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Sung Benefice Eucharist,
Woodbridge

11.30 Extraordinary PCC Meeting, **Small
Hall in SMH**

17.30 Piano recital by Andrew Leach, with a
retiring collection in aid of our 'Help Heat
our Church Appeal,' **Woodbridge**

TUESDAY 21st (St Anselm)

10.00 to 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

19.30 Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

WEDNESDAY 22nd

18.30 Talk on Dementia, at **Seckford Care**.
Refreshments. All welcome.

THURSDAY 23rd

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

18.30 Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

FRIDAY 24th

13.30 Funeral & Requiem Mass for Rev'd
Canon David Pitcher, **St Michaels',
Framlingham**

SATURDAY 25th (St Mark)

10.00-12.00 Bealings Plant Sale **Bealings
Village Hall** (proceeds to be shared by St
Mary's, Great Bealings and All Saints, Little
Bealings) *(see details below)

10.30 Churchyard Gardening working party,
Woodbridge

12.00 Baptism of Millicent Payne,
Woodbridge

SUNDAY 26th (Easter 4)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Benefice Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

15.00 'Hope against Hope' Ukrainian event,
Woodbridge (see details below)**

TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 19th April

Easter 3

Acts 2. 14a, 36-41

Luke 24. 13-35

NEXT WEEK'S Readings

Sunday 26th April

Easter 4

Acts 2. 42-47

John 10. 1-10

NOTICES

ANGLIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA CHARITY CONCERT – organised by Oliver Laxton (ex-pupil at Woodbridge School), is on **Saturday 18th April** at **7.30pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. There are posters available, and you can purchase tickets (£12 adults, £8 under-18s) [via Eventbrite](#).

PIANO RECITAL BY ANDREW LEACH is on **Sunday 19th April** at **5.30pm** at **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, with a retiring collection in aid of our 'Help Heat our Church Appeal.' The programme will be 'joyful music to celebrate Eastertide', and all are welcome. Andrew is playing Liz and Fr Nigel's wedding entrance music, by special request!

OUR ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING will take place from **7pm** on **Tuesday, 12th May** in the **Hall of St Mary's House**. At the former, the Election of two Churchwardens will take place, while the latter is able to elect two PCC Members, plus three Lay Representatives to the Deanery Synod. The DS reps also join the PCC. Nomination papers are available at the back of the church and should be submitted to Linda (Parish Administrator) or Veronica (PCC Secretary) **by 4th May**. Please consider this matter carefully. We need a strong PCC and our voice to be heard within the Deanery!

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL - In 2025, the Roll was re-written, as required every six years, so if your name was on it then, it will stay there until 2031. The 'rules' appear on the application forms, also at the back of the church, but basically it recognises your membership of St Mary's and allows you to take part in the governance of our church. Forms need to be submitted **by 27th April**, please, again to Linda or Veronica., who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS DURING LENT & EASTER:

Lent Lunches - **£801** has been passed on to **Suffolk Coastal Poverty Action**

Paul Greally's Organ Recital - a total of **£1,013.80** was donated to our **Organ Fund**

Maundy Thursday collection – a total of **£170** has been passed on to **St Elizabeth Hospice**

***BEALINGS' PLANT SALE** – always a very popular event, taking place on **Saturday 25th April** from **10am to 12 noon** in **Bealings Village Hall**. Arrive early to get the 'pick of the crop!' "Great plants, delicious cakes, homemade produce" with all proceeds going to Bealings' churches, Cash preferred, please.

****'HOPE AGAINST HOPE'** – Suffolk Refugee Support and Kesgrave & Woodbridge Hub invite you to this free event on **Sunday 26th April** at **3pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, focused on hearing the experiences of local Ukrainians, who will share their stories and be interviewed by Sir Nick Young. There will also be performances by Ukrainian singers.

ILLUMINATI CHOIR 'TO THE SHADY WOODS' CONCERT on **Saturday 2nd May** at **7pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Tickets are £10 (on the door only), refreshments will be provided by the Friends of St Mary's, and all proceeds will go towards our 'Help Heat Our Church Appeal.'

'FLEETWOOD MAC CANDLELIGHT EXPERIENCE' – Lumos Experiences have organised another candlelight concert (this time a classical Fleetwood Mac tribute, from a string trio) featuring well-known songs such as *Go Your Own Way*, *Second Hand News*, *Dreams*, *Don't Stop*, *The*

Chain... in **St Mary's, Woodbridge** on **Saturday 9th May**, with two sittings, at **7pm and 9pm**. Tickets can be purchased [via their website](#).

'BLESS MY HOMELAND FOREVER' – Presented by the Kesgrave and Woodbridge Ukrainian Hub, Ukrainian concert by the Jurij Fedynskyj family on **Friday 15th May** at **7pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Tickets are free, but please [book here](#). They need your help please: **are you able to host the family for one night after the concert?** There are 7 of them (5 children) and they are touring with professional camping gear and sleeping on people's floors throughout their tour. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – If there are any Adults interested, please speak with Fr Nigel soonest! It will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday 3rd May at 3pm.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE – do you recall when Fr Nigel introduced 'colour coded' donations to the 'Help Heat our Church' appeal? We're delighted that we have now had to edit the levels, as in the last three weeks alone we have received **two Silver** and one (now) **Platinum** donation, for which we are extremely grateful. As a reminder:

- Bronze = £1,000+
- Silver = £5,000+
- Gold = £10,000+
- Platinum = £15,000+
- Diamond = £20,000+

Our **current fundraising total is £179,976.34** (including existing funds of £100,000 and grant funding of £5,000), i.e. donations received: £74,976.34.
Our **current target is £250,000**.

Please continue to donate whatever you can, by cash, cheque (payable to PCC of St Mary Woodbridge), by bank transfer (details below, using the reference 'Heating'), by using the Donation Station in church, via this ['GiveALittle' link](#) or by scanning the QR code. Thank you very much.

- Account Name: PCC of St Mary Woodbridge
- Account Number: 00034212
- Sort code: 40 52 40



HEATING UPDATE – Public Notification of DAC Advice is the equivalent of planning permission (which is also sought from the Council) for our replacement heating system, after which we can go out to tender and get the work started. It is now posted in the porch and interior of St Mary's, Woodbridge, until 6th May. Alleluia!

EASY FUNDRAISING – We have set up an [Easyfundraising page](#) where you can help us raise money, but it doesn't cost you a penny! Essentially, once you have signed up to EasyFundraising, whenever you shop online with any of the many retailers, they will automatically donate to our cause. You can [use this link](#) or the QR code above to get started. They constantly run 'promotions' where we have a chance of a boost to our funds, just by people continuing to join our page as a supporter, so please do so if you haven't already! Thank you.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION DAY at the Cathedral on 9th May has had to be **postponed**, and a new date will be announced in due course.

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- Help us, Lord, to pass on the baton of the Emmaus story: to our family, friends and colleagues, and draw them to communities of lively faith and discipleship... by the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- For the leaders of the world, to promote the gifts of peace and reconciliation, and heal the wounds of suffering and war...
- For our own neighbourhoods, that we may treasure and develop the gifts of friendship and unity...
- Among the sick and housebound we pray for June Peck, Patti Cottam, Penny Bird, & all who care for them in our hospitals and homes...
- For all who have recently died, especially Ethel Gilson and Canon David Pitcher (Priest and former Rector here). May they rise in glory, and enjoy eternal life!

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in
the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

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

Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 9am to 12.30pm, Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm, but CLOSED from Good Friday to 7th April, reopening on Wednesday 8th April

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