



FREE  
(Double Issue!)



**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**18.30** Woodbridge Art & Music Festival (celebrating the legacy of Thomas & John Clarkson) begins, with Lee John Jazz Quartet, **St Marys, Woodbridge**. *Friends of St Mary's will be running a donation bar.*

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.00-16.00** Woodbridge Asparagus Festival, **Market Hill**. Please support!  
**10.00-16.00** Church Shop open all day!

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**Wear something red!**  
**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**10.30** Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)**

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00 to 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**  
**19.30** Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**18.30** Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00** Churchyard Gardening Group, **Woodbridge**

**N.B. Parish Office closed Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> (Trinity)**

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**10.00 to 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**  
**19.30** Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**  
**19.30** Standing Committee, **The Rectory**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**19.30** Fabric Committee meeting, **Seckford Room**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi)**

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**18.30** Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**  
**19.30** Corpus Christi Choral Evensong, **Woodbridge**. All welcome!

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**19.00** Bellringers' barbecue, **The Rectory**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**19.00** EoE Co-op Brass Band concert, *in aid of our 'Help Heat our Church' appeal*, **Woodbridge**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00** Benefice Patronal Festival, **Woodbridge**, with Guest Preacher, Rev'd Edith Peck, followed by our 'bring & share' lunch in **St Mary's House**

## NOTICES

**MESSAGE FROM JUNE PECK** - “I would like to thank everybody for their support, kind wishes and prayers following my kidney surgery. I am on the way to a full recovery, although it has taken longer than I expected. It was lovely to come back to St Mary’s and attend the service last Sunday.”

**ST MARY’S SHOP** - Special Offer! A good selection of summer-y, bamboo socks now only £5 a pair! 🐾 while stocks last. Did you know we stock a good selection of cards designed by Michael Coulter, the artist who has donated the beautiful picture of St Mary's, Woodbridge, to be auctioned for our Heating Fund?

**WOODBIDGE ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL** – On **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, from **10am to 4pm**, on **Market Hill**. Organised by Ugur Vata from The Gallery Creamery, this is a “cheerful celebration of one of spring’s most fleeting treats. A day dedicated to locally grown asparagus from the Deben Valley, with stalls, tastings, and plenty of ways to enjoy this seasonal favourite at its very best.” **Our Church Shop will also be open** whilst this special event is taking place. Please call in! 😊

**CO-OP BRASS BAND CONCERT** - including the Saint-Saens “Organ” symphony with our own organist, Dr Sarah Dodds, in aid of our ‘Help Heat our Church’ Appeal is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** at **7pm**. Tickets are £12 each, and can be [purchased online](#) in advance, in our Church Shop, or on the door.

**OUR BENEFICE PATRONAL FESTIVAL** is at **St Mary’s, Woodbridge**, on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** at **11am** (**replacing our usual 9.30am in Great Bealings**) and will be followed by a ‘bring & share’ lunch (please sign up!) and ‘donation bar’ in St Mary’s House. A sign-up sheet for food donations is at the back of church (Woodbridge). Families and children welcome. Thank you for your support.

**MOTHERS' UNION CREAM TEA** is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, and tickets are on sale. Don’t miss out! Priced at £5 - tickets from Anne Wright, Margaret Lowe or St Mary’s Church Shop.

**THANK YOU FROM NORMAN PORTER** to those who “very kindly made a donation to St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich, in exchange for a copy of this book, the story of my father's time as a village policeman in Suffolk. He ended his days with MND at the Hospice, the first to pass away there with this awful disease. The support given has been quite brilliant, and, by way of a receipt and acknowledgement of your generosity, I thought you would like to see this picture of a reassuringly large cheque being handed over to the Hospice. My brothers, Roger and Bob, as co-sponsors of this project, and I, thank you all most sincerely for your very generous support of the cause..As we probably all know, Hospices are struggling to stay financially afloat, so it is wonderful to be able to support our local Hospice in this way. With reiterated thanks and very best wishes,” Norman



**NEXT FRIENDS' EVENT** is on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, at **3pm**, when we welcome Quentin Cowdray, former Woodbridge School pupil, to talk about his love of poetry, and reading from his own award-winning collection and other favourite poems. Tickets are £10 on the door, and there will be a donation bar.

**'MINI' SUFFOLK DAY** will also be celebrated on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, beginning with our Sung Eucharist, and followed by 'happenings' around Market Hill! If anyone has (or would like to contribute) 'Suffolk bunting' (blue flag with crown of St Edmund & two arrows), please let FN or the Parish Office know.

**OUR SUMMER FAIR** is on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, from **12 noon until 3pm**. Save the date! More details to follow soon.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH VISIT** led by Roy Tricker is on **Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Wantisden Church** near **Butley** starting at **10.30am**. To join us please contact either Margaret Lowe on 01394 383486 or Anna Ashton on email: [ashton.am@gmail.com](mailto:ashton.am@gmail.com) **by May 30<sup>th</sup>**. We do need to know numbers. Thank you.

**FUNDRAISING - MICHAEL COULTER** – This Suffolk-based artist has kindly donated a vibrant watercolour of St Mary's Church (Woodbridge), to help us raise more funds for our 'Help Heat our Church' Appeal. The painting will be on display during church services and special events, and we are inviting sealed bids via a silent auction (subject to the reserve of £1,000). There are bid detail sheets and a sealed box for them in situ, and the **auction will be open until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

**LINDA RUMBOLD FUNDRAISING FOR THE 'FABRIC FUND'** – Linda (our Parish Administrator) is taking part in the Orwell Challenge on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, to raise funds towards **St Mary's, Woodbridge 'Fabric Fund'** (i.e. funds needed for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church itself, to preserve it for the future). If you are able to help, you can donate online via our [Crowdfunder page](#).

**Would anyone like to join Linda on this walk?** You can choose 12, 19 or 25 miles. Please give her a call on 01394 388820 if you are interested in taking part.

**ST MARY'S GUIDES** are collecting **empty crisp bags** (those with a silver lining) in order to make some **blankets for the homeless**. They have put a box on the top of the piano in the main hall in St Mary's House in the hope that people using the hall will put their bags in the box. They plan to make the blankets in mid-June. Thank you for your support.

**WOODBIDGE CHURCHYARD** – Fr Nigel is very pleased with our first (Council) cut of the year, because it respects the colourful wildlife and plants around. It is not a bowling green, after all! Also pleased to report there are three more cuts planned. **'GOD'S ACRE WEEK'** begins on 8<sup>th</sup> June, and various school and uniformed groups will be exploring and recording in this beautiful setting. **St Mary's CE Primary will be here on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am, and they would be delighted to have any adult helpers to join them.** Please have a word with Fr Nigel if you can help!

**FINALLY** – Our 'painting team' have been very busy on the Shop windows – if you are able to make a donation towards the cost of paint, please pop into the Church Shop. Thank you!

## PRAYERS & READINGS

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

### WHITSUN COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of  
faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of  
love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

### TRINITY COLLECT

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of  
your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of  
your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
AMEN

### TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21

1 Corinthians 12. 3b-12

John 20. 19-23

### NEXT WEEK'S Readings

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Trinity

Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end

Matthew 28. 16-end

### Readings for

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Patronal Festival

Zephaniah 3. 14-18

Romans 12. 9-16

Luke 1. 39-49

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](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

Benefice Office **CLOSED from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

USUAL Opening Hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am to 12.30pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9am to 4pm

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