



**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> (Matthias the Apostle)**

**19.00** 'Bless my homeland forever'  
Ukrainian family concert, **St Mary's,  
Woodbridge** (free, but please book, see  
below\*)

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Easter 7**

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge** with  
refreshments afterwards, **in church**  
**10.30** Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**  
**N.B. Woodbridge 10K race** commences at  
12noon – road closures in place during late  
morning and early afternoon. **St Mary's  
House** being used by Woodbridge  
Physiotherapy, offering treatment to  
participants.

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> (St Dunstan)**

**09.30** KS1 St Mary's CE Primary service, **St  
Mary's, Woodbridge**  
**10.00 to 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**  
**15.45** Funeral for Betty Richardson, **Seven  
Hills Crematorium**  
**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**  
**19.00** Great Bealings' APCM, **St Mary's,  
Great Bealings**  
**19.30** Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**15.45** Funeral for Terry Crouch, **Seven Hills  
Crematorium**

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**08.45** Woodbridge School Prep Assembly,  
**St Mary's, Woodbridge**  
**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**18.30** Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

**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**

**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**

**TODAY'S Readings**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Easter 7**

**Acts 1. 6-14**

**John 17. 1-11**

## NOTICES

**NICK COTTAM FUNDRAISING FOR MACMILLAN** – Nick completed the Norfolk Coast Mighty Hike Half Marathon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support last Sunday, and “thanks to everyone who donated. It was a lovely occasion with over 2000 people taking part; nice walking by the sea despite the unexpected challenge of a tough three-mile trudge along the shingle! So far I’ve raised just over £1,300 and my [Just Giving page](#) stays open for another couple of months so donations still welcome. Thanks again.” Nick

**RECTOR’S ADDRESS AT TUESDAY’S APCM (WOODBIDGE)** – Please [click here](#) to read this, or go to [our website](#) to download it.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to those elected to Deanery Synod at our Woodbridge APCM: Patricia Ford, Spencer Green, and Neil Logan Green; and elected to our PCC: David Berridge and Simon Morris. In due course Julian Haywood-Smith will be co-opted to represent Great Bealings. To those re-elected: Veronica Howe (PCC Secretary, and Electoral Roll Officer), Alison Davis (PCC Treasurer), and Michelle Bullard and David Sharples as Churchwardens.

**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**, and will be followed by a ‘bring & share’ lunch and ‘donation bar’ in St Mary’s House. A sign-up sheet for food donations will be at the back of church (Woodbridge) this Sunday. Families and children welcome. Thank you for your support.

**\*BLESS MY HOMELAND FOREVER’** – Presented by the Kesgrave and Woodbridge Ukrainian Hub, Ukrainian concert by the Jurij Fedynskij family on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in St Mary’s, Woodbridge**. Tickets are free, but please [book here](#).

**GREAT BEALINGS’ NEW NOTICEBOARD** – From Norman Porter: “... the restoration of our notice board... is as good as complete, as you will see from the attached picture. (with Rob Stiles, Rob Collin - local - and Howard Stiles). It looks so much better, and I have thanked Howard and Rob for preserving the legacy of their mother and father - the plaque now mentions both of them, whereas it was previously in memory of just Gerald. I just happened to be passing as they were fixing it all back up so it was lovely to meet up with the whole party. The notice board now looks as if it belongs in the same place as the re-done Keer gate, and the lovely new side gate. All looking cared for.” Norman



**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.

**ST MARY’S SHOP** - We are expecting more Zaytoun olive oil and, new to our shop, Zaytoun olive oil soap, both produced in Palestine. Fancy a snack? We now stock small packs of Liberation Fairtrade natural mixed nuts, seeds and nuts with goji berries and roasted salted cashews and peanuts. New supplies of Liberation crunchy peanut butter have also arrived. And, of course, we also have plenty of Fairtrade chocolate on our shelves!

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH VISIT** led by Roy Tricker, started by the Focus Group about 40 years ago, 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 **from this Sunday** during church services and special events, and we are inviting bids via a silent auction (subject to the reserve of £1,000). There will be bid detail sheets and a box for them in situ, and the auction will be open until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Our **current heating fundraising total is £181,083** towards our **target of £250,000**.

*Donate by scanning the QR code with your phone*



**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.

**MESSAGE FROM GEOFF LAND** - “Thank you for my lifts to and from church. [For the] next two Sundays I shall not be there [at church] as I’ll be in [St] Bart’s Hospital in London EC1 getting a new valve for my heart. Not bad for 91 ¼! ... Let’s hope [all goes well and I’ll be back soon... I’ve been coming to] St Mary’s for 50 years.” Geoff

**ASCENSION DAY SERMON** is on our [church website](#) for everyone who missed it.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK** – “Tony Blair said that, when you begin as Prime Minister, you are at your most popular and least effective; when you leave, you are at your least popular and most effective.” (Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark)

## INTENTIONS

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

- For all our Parishes in this Diocese as we look forward to the Coming of the Holy Spirit to shape, guide, and renew us...
- For all taking part in today's 10K race, and the many charities being supported; all who contribute to the building of community and neighbourhood in our town
- At the close of Christian Aid Week, for those still suffering from poverty, hunger, or war...
- Among the sick and housebound we pray for John Stear, Geoff Land, Vi Woolmer, June Peck, and Alan Flint
- For all who have recently died, especially Betty Richardson and Terry Crouch, RIP

### COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and  
power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his  
kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good  
news we proclaim;  
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](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)**

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