



SATURDAY 25th (St James, Apostle)

09.00 Morning Prayer **via Zoom** (further details from Alison Davis)

SUNDAY 26th (Trinity 8)

08.00 Said Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

17.00 Standing Committee Meeting, **The Rectory**

TUESDAY 28th

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

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

19.30 Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

WEDNESDAY 29th

17.30 Friends' Committee Meeting, **Seckford Room** (N.B. earlier time than usual)

19.00 PCC Meeting, **SMH**

THURSDAY 30th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

18.30 Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 1st August

09.00 Morning Prayer **via Zoom** (further details from Alison Davis)

12.00 First of a series of Organ Recitals, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 2nd (Trinity 9)

09.30 Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

11.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge** (followed by ice creams)

TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 26th July (Trinity 8)

Genesis 29. 15-28

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

NEXT WEEK'S Readings

Sunday 2nd August (Trinity 9)

Genesis 32. 22-31

Matthew 14. 13-21

AUGUST LUNCHTIME ORGAN

RECITALS – Chris Burn, our Director of Music, has organised a series of Organ Recitals to take place at **12noon on Saturdays in August**, with refreshments. All recitals will include a retiring collection in aid of our Organ Fund. Please come along, and invite your friends.

- 1 August: Simon Kirk (Cambridge)
- 8 August: Ben Scott (Sacred Heart, Caterham)
- 15 August: Mark Blatchly (Felixstowe)
- 29 August: David Flood (Organist Emeritus, Canterbury Cathedral)

NOTICES

SHEILA BURGESS RIP – Her Thanksgiving Service will be held in **St Mary's, Woodbridge** on **Wednesday 5th August at 2.30pm.**

THANK YOU to all who attended last Sunday's 'Churches Together, Woodbridge & Melton' 'Songs of Praise' at the start of the annual Regatta in Whisstocks Place; to Sarah for playing some lively hymns, and her backing group! P.S. Did you know that St John's, Woodbridge have three full-time clergy and one Assistant / Retired, and a Children & Families' Pastor?



SUNDAY 9th AUGUST is being kept as the Feast of St Laurence (10am Parish Eucharist, with Visiting Preacher), which also coincides with:

1. The Rector's BIG Birthday afterwards! Firstly, if anyone would like to join our 'Pop Up Choir' please have a word with Saeah or Chris ASAP.
2. When the service is over, EVERYONE is invited to stay for canapes and Cremant, while we listen to some lovely music from Darrell (piano) and Romy (flute).
3. This will be followed by our PARISH BBQ (which will not include either hamburgers or sausages) with both chicken kebabs or vegetarian options. PLEASE SIGN the list THIS SUNDAY if you're joining us, and also select which choice of food you would like! There will also be a Donation Bar from 12noon onwards. If you can offer to make or bring a big bowl of salad, or a bowl of berries please indicate on the list. We will follow with strawberries and cream. It is intended to be a celebratory feast, so the more, the merrier!

N.B. No presents for FN please, but if you would like to make a donation to the Heating Fund, that would be great!

AUGUST ORGAN RECITALS - You will have seen our posters for this exciting Saturday lunchtime series. There has been an unavoidable clash, however, so there will no longer be a recital on 22nd August. Publicity will be updated in due course.

NEXT SUNDAY, 2nd AUGUST - Instead of refreshments in St Mary's House, there will be ice creams, and children's lollies to enjoy, at the west end of the church. Just need the weather now!

LUCEAT CHOIR RECITAL – We are delighted to welcome back the national touring Luceat Choir for a recital on **Monday 10th August 2026**, at **6.30pm**. Their programme is 'Choral Music for the Evening Hour: Vaughan Williams, Sullivan, Paulus, Parry'. Please share and display the attached [poster](#).

TALK: "MANSFIELD PARK, JANE AUSTEN, AND THE WAY TO HAPPINESS" - We are in the 250th year after Jane Austen's death, and her popularity shows no signs of abating. Her books still sell well and there is a new film of Sense and Sensibility coming out soon. But would you look in her novels for a guide on how to live, rather than for a bit of light period romantic escapism? In this talk, by *John & Alison Davis*, at **7pm** on **Thursday 27th August** in **St Mary's House**, we will look into the depths of Mansfield Park, probably the most ambitious of her novels, and see what lessons for life can be drawn from it. There will be a collection for the Church Fabric Fund.

ANOTHER NEW THING! Encouraged by recent PCC discussions in Woodbridge, a new monthly '**Jubilate All-age Eucharist**' will begin on **Sunday 20th September** at **10am** (and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter). This will be shorter and more interactive, to attract younger families, and it begins with our HARVEST Festival.

ST MARY'S SHOP - New! Bear Grylls latest book 'Soul Food' has arrived, exploring themes of friendship, failure, courage, risk and more in daily devotions. Our range of children's books has increased too including 'My Big Story Bible', 'Best-Loved Bible Stories', the 'Read and Play Bible' - and a Noah's Ark bath book! And, of course, we have an ever changing range of fairly traded gifts too.

BOUNDARY WALL WORKS already affect car parking in both our Churchyard and the Woodbridge School Prep car park. There is no access to the left of the church. Please follow what the clear signs say!

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING – To find out more about this, please visit www.nebriefing.org/peb This vital film (the heatwave affects our organ in the same way that it affects woodlands across Europe!) is next being shown locally in Waldringfield. To book, [click here](#).

INTENTIONS

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

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.
AMEN

If you would like to financially contribute to the mission & ministry of this church, please do give generously. You can point the camera on your phone at the QR code on the right, use the contactless donation point near the exit, or (after services) add your cash donation to the plate near the door.



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