

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 17th

Apples, pears, & pumpkin festival on Market Hill. Scrumptious!!

09.30 Deanery Synod, **Ipswich**

19.00 Candlelight concert (music of Ludovico Einaudi), **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

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SUNDAY 18th (Trinity 20) (Stewardship Sunday)

Start of 'Generosity Week'

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 'All-age' Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, with Guest Preacher: Archdeacon Rich, and intercessions led by members of the Faith Council at St Mary's CE Primary School. Followed by light refreshments. **Bring your friends and family along!**

10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

15.00 **'Stacks of Sax' event, a Friends of St Mary's event with a donation bar, **St Mary's, Woodbridge** Tickets £10, on the door.

TUESDAY 20th

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

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

19.00 Woodbridge PCC Meeting, **SMH**

19.30 Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

WEDNESDAY 21st

18.00 Friends' Committee Meeting, **Seckford Room**

18.30 Woodbridge Deanery Synod Meeting, **Hall at SMH** (with meal to start)

THURSDAY 22nd

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge** (with KS2 from St Mary's CE Primary). Coffee afterwards.

18.30 Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

SUNDAY 25th (Last after Trinity)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge** followed by coffee in **SMH**

15.00 Music Workshop for 'A Woodbridge Mass,' **St Mary's, Woodbridge** (see details below*)

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 18th October
Trinity 20
2 Corinthians 9. 6-8
Luke 21. 1-4

NEXT WEEK'S Readings
Sunday 25th October
Last after Trinity
Ephesians 4. 32 - 5. 8
Luke 3. 10-17

NOTICES

GENEROSITY WEEK begins **THIS Sunday 18th October**, when Archdeacon Rich will be preaching, and ends on 25th October. There will be light refreshments in St Mary's House afterwards on the 18th. **Please bring some finger food to share with everyone in the hall after the 10am service.** For great resources to help prepare and use, [click here](#). Archdeacon Rich will also add a few words of encouragement to us all.

***COME AND SING!** We are excited to announce that composer, Ben Ponniah, has completed our new 'Woodbridge Mass Setting' (commissioned by the Rector and Choir). The 'premiere' will be on All Saints Sunday. To prepare for this Ben has kindly agreed to be at a special workshop **NEXT SUNDAY 25th October**, so we can all learn and enjoy his wonderful composition. This will be from **3pm to 4.30pm** (including a break for tea) and all are welcome from **both our Churches**. **We also warmly invite other singers you may know, to join us.**

PRISONS WEEK - Our display in church gives information about our local prison HMP Hollesley; an invitation to support them by visiting Marsh Barn Café run by prisoners for good value coffee, cakes and light lunches; and the suggestion that St Mary's registers as a church that can appropriately and safely welcome ex-offenders.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP - *As far as possible Fair Trade, Sustainable or Local*
Our own Christmas cards will be available from **THIS SUNDAY** (£5 for a pack of 10), and very lovely they are too! Meanwhile, we have some great gift ideas, including really cute Highland cow bag charms made from recycled plastic bags (although you would never know), bright and beautiful snack bowls from Palestine and bamboo socks in new designs. And why not buy an Advent Candle while stocks last?

NEXT "FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S" EVENTS

****THIS Sunday 18th October at 3pm – 'Stacks of Sax'** – "Burdock Scones & the Mystery of the Tricky Triads," an entertainment of music, nonsense, and a tall yarn. A donation bar will be available. Tickets £10, on the door only.

Friday 6th November at 5.30pm – 'Christmas Wine Tasting' at Adnams Shop, Quay Point, Station Road, Woodbridge IP12 4AU. Adnams staff will be on hand to answer questions and make recommendations, and there will be an opportunity to try around 16 wines. Tickets £10 in advance or on the door. Scan the QR code or [click here](#).



Wednesday 16th December at 6pm – on Market Hill, the Friends will be running a donation bar for mulled wine (and spiced apple), and mince pies, before the Rotary Club **Christmas Carols**. Not to be missed!

MOTHERS' UNION – You are invited to a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 31st October** from 10am to 12noon. Join us for refreshments and cake in SMH. Stalls and a Raffle. Please come along and support your branch. Entrance fee £2 to include Tea & Cake.

TALK BY FRANKIE WILDMUN (COTSWOLD ARCHAEOLOGY) – Following the recent reinterment of the bones found during the archaeological investigation there will be a talk by Frankie Wildmun (Assistant Environmental Officer, Human Remains) on **Wednesday 18th November** at **7.30pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Further details to follow.

BOUNDARY WALL UPDATE – Work on the boundary wall will be complete in around four weeks, and the additional work on the gateway will not commence until the spring – in a new financial year!

THE ARCHDEACON'S MEETING regarding the Rector's impending retirement and the subsequent way forward was attended also by the Rural Dean and Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, together with 22 others - members of both our PCCs, of our Ministry Team, and also our Parish Administrator. It was a purposeful and positive meeting, and a pre-cursor to the ensuing formal processes, which will begin in February.

ELDERS' CELEBRATION SERVICE is planned in our Cathedral Church with Bishop Joanne on **Sunday 8th November**, at **3.30pm**, with refreshments afterwards. Families and friends are also welcome to join this celebration of Elder ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS to Neil Logan Green on being recently elected to General Synod in this Diocese (having previously represented Canterbury Diocese).

ALL SOULS will be celebrated this year on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm, and will be a beautiful Sung Requiem. We particularly pray for those who have died in our benefice in the last year, and families / relatives are warmly invited to attend.

LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT – Please take a leaflet away to think and pray about your gift to the Parish when you are writing or changing your will.

BENEFICE QUIET DAY – This is planned to be a thoughtful and prayerful preparation for Advent, led by author and retreat leader, Andrea Skevington.

Venue: **Seckford Chapel**

Date: **Saturday 21st November**

Time: **10am to 3pm**

Sign up sheets will be in both Churches from next week. All are welcome.

ADVANCE INVITATION to the residents of Great Bealings! This year you are invited to form a 'Pop Up Choir' for the Carol Service at St Mary's, Great Bealings (on **Friday 18th December**). The more, the merrier! Further details to follow.

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

We give thanks to the Lord for all his gifts to us, and for His unconditional love... Pray that we may be generous too in using our time and talents for the growth of our Churches, and our service to others. This week we pray for our Diocesan Finance Team, our Parish Treasurers. For Archdeacon Rich and our clergy in this Deanery of Woodbridge...

Among the sick and housebound we pray for Chris Burn, Patti Cottam, Tony Burton, and Ann Pickard. On this St Luke's day, we give thanks for all who work and care for so many in our NHS and residential care homes. For all the palliative care team at St Elizabeth's Hospice, who bring healing, and dignity to the dying.

For all who have recently died, including Robina Westbury, and Joy Glading. May they rest in peace with all the angels and saints in light.

COLLECT

Father, let generosity become my way of life. Teach me to give my time, energy, and resources freely. May my actions reflect your love, inspire others, and create a lasting impact in my family, community, and the world.

AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes
of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
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

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