WOODBRIDGE ST MARY with Great Bealings

UNITED BENEFICE e-NEWS

1st November 2026
Festival of All Saints'

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 31st
10.00-12.00 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, **Hall at St Mary's House** All welcome. Stalls, raffle, £2 entry for coffee & cake!

SUNDAY 1st November (Fesival of All Saints')
09.30 All Saints' Festival, **Great Bealings**
11.00 All Saints' Festival, **Woodbridge**, with première of 'A Woodbridge mass' – a new Congregational Setting composed by Ben Ponniah. Choir conducted by Richard Hubbard. Coffee afterwards in church.

(MONDAY is the Rector's day off)

TUESDAY 3rd
10.00 to 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**
10.20 Collective Worship (Fr Nigel) at **St Mary's CE Primary**
17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**
19.30 Bellringing practice, **Woodbridge**

WEDNESDAY 4th
19.30 All Souls' Benefice 'Requiem' Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by warm refreshments!

THURSDAY 5th
10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by coffee
12.00 Memorial service for Joy Glading, **Seckford Chapel**
18.30 Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**
18.30 Shop Management meeting, **Seckford Room**

FRIDAY 6th
10.40 Children's Act of Remembrance (with Fr Nigel and the Lord Lieutenant) at **Woodbridge War Memorial**
12.00 Woodbridge Deanery Clergy Chapter
17.30-19.00 Christmas Wine Tasting (a Friends of St Mary's fundraising event) at **Adnams Shop, Woodbridge**. Tickets £10 here, or on the door. Lots of wines to try, and advice available from Adnams' staff. All welcome!

SUNDAY 8th November
09.30 Said Benefice Eucharist, **Woodbridge** with coffee afterwards
10.50 Town Remembrance Service, **Market Hill, Woodbridge**, led by Fr Nigel
10.50 Prayers at the War Memorial, **Great Bealings**, led by Rev'd Peter Wintgens
15.30 Elders' Celebration Service, **St Eds Cathedral** with refreshments afterwards. Friends and families welcome.

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 1st November
All Saints
Revelation 7. 9-end
Resp Psalm 34. 1-10
1 John 3. 1-3
Matthew 5. 1-12

NEXT WEEK'S Readings
Sunday 8th November
3rd before Advent
Micah 4. 1-5
John 20. 19-21

NOTICES

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

Venue: **Seckford Chapel**
Date: **Saturday 21st November**
Time: **10am to 3pm**

Sheets are now ready for you to sign up – in both Churches. All are welcome.

OUR WARMEST THANKS to Andrew Leach for stepping in last Sunday afternoon to teach a very keen crowd of singers, with the talented help of Ben Ponniah and Sarah Dodds – to learn our new 'Woodbridge Mass' setting.





And this Sunday, on All Saints,' to Richard Hubbard for conducting its première.

At Great Bealings we also thank Jane for playing the organ.

We are very fortunate to have so much musical help, and it is appreciated.

MONEY MATTERS – David Berridge did us proud during 'Notices' last Sunday, and the gist of his message for Woodbridge is:

- There are 196 on the Electoral Roll
- Our annual joint Benefice Parish Share is currently £81,191. 15% (or £12,178.65) is paid by Great Bealings, but a lower figure will be agreed for next year)
- We need at least another £30,000 each year… [David said]
- We currently have [57] members of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) in Woodbridge (some of whom 'give' in joint names), but would like to see that number double
- Those [57] give a total of £60,000 when we add the recovered tax at 25%
- Please have a word with Sarah Lines (or Will Self in Great Bealings), in strictest confidence, to find out more, and why this is the best and easiest way of regular giving that the CofE has ever invented!

ALL SOULS' will be celebrated this year on **Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm,** and will be a beautiful Sung Requiem (with the anthem 'Crossing the Bar'). We particularly pray by name for those who have died **in our Benefice in the last year**, and families / relatives are warmly invited to attend. Fr Nigel will preside and Rev'd Peter Wintgens will preach.

MOTHERS' UNION will be holding their next meeting on **Thursday 12th November** at **2.15pm** in **St Mary's House.** We will be reflecting and praying for '16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence,' followed by a branch meeting with refreshments. You are very welcome to attend the first part of the meeting.

TALK BY FRANKIE WILDMUN (COTSWOLD ARCHAEOLOGY) – Following the recent reinterment of the bones found during the archaeological investigation on our boundary wall, 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.

OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET (WOODBRIDGE) is on **Saturday 28th November**, from **2pm to 4pm**. We are looking for donations of practically new gifts (in excellent condition), practically new children's games and puzzles, and bottles for the bottle bank. There will shortly be boxes available at the west end for your kind donations. Please bring bottles to the Church Shop. Raffle tickets are now available at £1 each (in the Shop, and at church on Sunday). Please display and share our poster wherever you can, and invite your friends and neighbours!

NEW HEATING – We are pleased to report, at last, that our PCC has agreed the 'winning' Contractor to carry out the work, with a lead-in time of 6 weeks, after the contract is in place by Friday 6th November. As soon as we have a fuller timetable and final costs, we will let you all know. P.S. Our thanks for a further donation of £250 this week.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP - *As far as possible Fair Trade, Sustainable or Local*
Just a reminder that we are selling poppies in the Shop again this year. Please pop in and buy yours, if you haven't already, and take the opportunity to have a look round.
It will not be long until the Advent season begins and Advent calendars and candles are on sale now - and Christmas cards too, including St Mary's very own design. Come in and have a look!

'PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING' – Come along and watch this brilliant film (with commentary by Chris Packham) on the climate and nature crisis (previously shown at St John's Church), on **Saturday 14th November** at **7.30pm**, in **The Community Room at The George, High Street, Wickham Market.** *The pub has had a wonderful facelift, says the Rector!*

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

We give thanks for last week's conclusion to 'Generosity Week' in both our Churches, and for the will to increase our regular giving when we can… On this special feast day we remember and give thanks for all the Doctors and Saints of the Church, who continue to inspire and shape our confidence in God's love and His many gifts showered on us…

Among the sick and housebound we pray for Penny Bird, Patti Cottam, Tony Burton, and Ann Pickard.

For all who have recently died, including Penny Brown, Jean Green, Chris Stratton (former parishioner), Robina Westbury, and Joy Glading. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. We pray for the bereaved and all whose losses we shall remember at All Souls.'

COLLECT

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and
giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
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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