



*Our Benefice church family is welcoming and inclusive to all.  
We aim to reach and serve our communities and work lovingly in  
friendship and partnership. Together, we 'travel with' our Lord faithfully  
and sacramentally.*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

**16.30 onwards** Whisstock's Place is the place to be! (Light Show etc)

#### SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November (St Andrew)

**09.00** Morning Prayer, via Zoom

**12.00** Setting up Stalls for:

**15.00-17.00** Our Christmas Market,  
**St Mary's, Woodbridge**

#### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December (First of Advent)

**Please be aware of traffic restrictions for  
the Woodbridge Street Fair.**

**09.30** Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

**11.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**17.30** Advent Procession & Readings by  
Candlelight, **Woodbridge**. Very special.

#### MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10.00** Time to Reflect, **SMH**. All welcome.

#### TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**. All  
welcome.

**19.30** Bell ringers' practice

#### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**,  
followed by coffee

**9.30 – 13.00** Public Consultation in SMH  
Hall re- Woodbridge Traffic, Cycle &  
Pedestrian 'future'. All welcome.

#### FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

**11.30** Extended Communion, **Grove Court**

#### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer, via Zoom

**10.30-12 Noon** Messy Church in BP Room  
(1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SMH)

#### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December

**08.00** Said Benefice Eucharist,  
**Woodbridge**

**10.00** Parish Eucharist, 'Toy Donation  
Service', (please see below) **Woodbridge**

**17.30** Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**.

**TODAY'S Readings**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**(First of Advent)**  
1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end  
Luke 21. 25-36

## NOTICES

**OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET** is **TOMORROW, SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> November**, from **3pm to 5pm**. and will be opened by Councillor Ruth Leach. Bring your neighbours and friends! Please help if you can before (setting up) or after (clearing up)! It is still not too late to offer donations for particular stalls, especially Christmas pud, raffle prizes cakes. **Please return all RAFFLE TICKET money, counterfoils and unused books.**

**BLESSED ARE THE CAKEMAKERS!** Please bring them along on Saturday early at our Christmas Market – and any last kind donations of bottles, Christmas puddings, gifts or raffle prizes... you name it. Thank you.

**WRAP UP WARM in CHURCH!** We are very sorry to report that our Woodbridge church gas boilers have been ‘condemned’ in last week’s annual inspection and we are working very hard indeed to implement temporary and alternative heating... until we can come up with greener options... and possible costings.

**TERMINALLY ILL (adults) END OF LIFE BILL** – Thank you to those of you who kindly wrote to your MP and all who reflected and prayed so hard about this very sensitive and demanding ethical debate.

**NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUNDING.** Our thanks to Patricia Ford and her small team for beavering away with our next public consultation and survey documents soon to be released – on behalf of our Buildings Appeal Project (BAP) for both Church and SMH.

**OUR BENEFICE ADVENT BOOK** – Copies of ‘The Love That Moves the Sun’ by Paul Dominiak (Canterbury Press) are on sale in our Shop. Please sign up if you would like to meet up on this modern and brilliant ‘take’ on the Four Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell) to discuss and share our thoughts over a coffee & sandwich lunch on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from **10am to 12.30pm** in the **Seckford Room in St Mary’s House**. We welcome our friends from Great Bealings to join us.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** Only a few packs are still on sale to support our Building Project Appeal @ £4 per pack of 10. Thanks to all, who counted and strung!

**CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CARDS** for all within our Parish boundaries have arrived and Barbara is seeking help from **2.30 pm on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Small Hall of St Mary’s House** to count and label them, ready for delivery. All help, however short, appreciated! Please let Barbara know if you can be there.

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR BENEFICE.** Please read Jeremy Hawksley's recent review and annual talk on our church website. We are very grateful to everyone who is committed to basic awareness training required and, to those asked to do additional training, as expected, nationally.

**FRIDAY SOUP LUNCHESES** are coming back... **Starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** until end of February (as part of the national Church Urban Fund 'Places of Welcome' scheme). If you can help on the day or offer to make soup, please contact Veronica. Please put the dates in your diary. All welcome. Free to all, but donations not refused!

**OUR NEXT SOCIAL** – is to be a Benefice-wide 3-course Christmas Lunch (with all the trimmings) in SMH on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, from 12.30 Noon in **SMH main hall**. (Please let us know if you require a vegan alternative?). We have our very own chef for the day, James Francis, who will be looking after us all – and the **TICKETS will be only £10 each (children free). Numbers limited to 60 total, so please be in touch with our Parish Office to reserve yours ASAP.** (Bar provided with £3 donation only per glass of wine). This is very much a social event, and not a fundraiser.

**NEW PCC TREASURER (Woodbridge):** The Churchwardens supported by the PCC want to appoint an enthusiastic Treasurer to help us manage and maximise our funds. This is always a very important role and will suit someone who likes organising and loves numbers. The role involves managing monies raised by the PCC, taking responsibility for compiling the accounts and ensuring the independent examiner's report is carried out every year and fulfilling the filing requirements. The role does **not include** bookkeeping and Linda in the Benefice Office helps with much of the day to day transactions. If you think you have the skills and might be interested, let Michelle or David (Churchwardens). It is a great opportunity to get involved in the work of the church.  
Katharine Turner (PCC Secretary).

**CONCERTS MANAGER.** Romy Hills has had to step down and we are very grateful for her keen organization over recent years. She is looking for a successor and is happy to let you know what is involved. You get to meet all the great musical guests and see that they have everything they need on the day!

**NEXT MESSY CHURCH is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – (10.30-12 Noon) with bring 'n' share lunch.** All accompanied children welcome – please have a word with Liz Prior if you want to join us for some "Messy Stars 'n' Stuff". Please share your poster (attached).

**NEXT SUNDAY**– Our Toy Donations are kindly asked again this year at our special 10am service on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, in aid of **Suffolk Refugee Support** and East Anglia's **Children's Hospice**, for ages from 0 to 18 years. Please don't forget our teenagers!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

That our Advent pilgrimage together may lead us prayerfully to the wonders of the Christmas mystery... for our Benefice, Deanery and Diocese... and new Light shine!

For our CE Primary School of St Mary's, our children and families, our Head, Karen Read, our Governors and the 'Friends'.

For those in positions of power and authority that they may tread the paths of peace and justice.

Among the sick we pray for: Linda Rumbold and Bridget Fairley (Cavell Manor); for all our care homes: and for our Hospices nationwide and patients suffering Aids, globally.

Among the recently departed we pray for: Barbara Glanfield, and John Sanderson, RIP.

### Readings for NEXT WEEK Sunday 8th December (Second of Advent)

Philippians 1, 1 - 11  
Luke 3, 1-6

### COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
That we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**AMEN.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us  
faithful as we await the coming of  
your Son our Lord;  
that when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

Please contact the Rector 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)