WOODBRIDGE ST MARY with Great Bealings

UNITED BENEFICE e-NEWS

15th November 2026
2nd before Advent & Safeguarding Sunday

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 14th
18.00 or 20.00 Piano concerts (I Giorni) by candlelight, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**
19.30 'People's Emergency Briefing,' **The George (Community Room), 95 High St, Wickham Market**

SUNDAY 15th
08.00 Traditional Eucharist**, Woodbridge**
10.00 All-age Family Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, with refreshments afterwards - Celebration of Baptisms
10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

MON 16th
11.00 Site Meeting - Boundary Wall

TUESDAY 17th
10.00 to 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**
17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**
19.30 Bellringers' AGM, followed by fish and chips, **Woodbridge**

WEDNESDAY 18th
19.30 Talk by archaeologist **Frankie Wildmun (Cotswold Archaeology)** on ancient bones discovered around the Boundary Wall Not to be missed! Tea/Coffee/Wine from 7.15 pm in Church, **Woodbridge**

THURSDAY 19th
Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. 680AD
8.45 Prep School Assembly**, St Mary's**
10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by coffee
13.00 Funeral and Burial of Jean Green, **Great Bealings**
18.30 Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 21st
10.00-15.00 Quiet Day at **Seckford Chapel.** We still have extra places, if you would like to join us.

SUNDAY 22nd
Christ the King
08.00 Traditional Eucharist**, Woodbridge**
10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, with refreshments afterwards in **SMH**

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 15th November
2nd before Advent
Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end
John 20, 19-21

NEXT WEEK'S Readings
Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King
Ezekiel 34, 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1, 15-end
(**Matthew** 25, 31-end)

NOTICES

BENEFICE QUIET DAY – This is led by local author and retreat leader, Andrea Skevington and called *Light in the darkness*. Her three addresses will be 'Advent flavoured' and some of her books will be on sale ahead of publication in 2027 by Wild Goose Press.
This will be **10am to 3pm** on **Saturday 21st November** in **Seckford Chapel**
Sheets are now ready for you to sign up – in both Churches. All are welcome. The Rector has handouts for all attendees.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY LEAFLET – This is available for you today and prepared by our Safeguarding Officer, Jeremy Hawksley. It will also be posted on our website.

'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.**

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**. Come in for wine, tea or coffee beforehand. \retiring collection for our Heating Fund.

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!

BOUNDARY WALL WORKS - A photographic schedule has been produced showing the salvaged material within the wall on the churchyard side, so that the stones can be inserted accurately into the wall.

ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP - *As far as possible Fair Trade, Sustainable or Local*
Extra stock ready for Advent and Christmas continues to arrive. We have plenty of Christmas cards, including St Mary's own, of course, as well as Advent candles and calendars. Just in is our range of 'edibles' too, including chutneys, extra virgin olive oil and new chocolate flavours, which make welcome gifts. It's worth calling in now and again to see what we've got to offer! Come in and see this season's stock!

STANLEY'S HATS AT THE BBC! In the last few years, Stanley, one of our retired Churchwardens has made around 400 hats, of which at least half have been sold in our shop. A report appeared online https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cry83z6xqv860 and he was interviewed for BBC Radio Suffolk.

FATHER NIGEL'S SERMON for his last 'Remembrance Sunday' on Market Hill is posted now on our website, for thiose unable to attend.

WOODBRIDGE ROTARY UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL – is brilliant and urgent. Please see the attached letter for details of the Rotary Club's Christmas Appeal, to "provide new and appropriately aged presents for Ukrainian children this Christmas. These will be at cost price from suppliers and taken overland to Ukraine in time for Christmas." Your monetary donation, however small, would be appreciated, but time is short, as the deadline for donations is **24th November**, ready for the "Wrap-a-thon" at Claydon High School on 28th November.
Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-99-50, Account 66685663, Reference = 'Woodbridge'. THANK YOU!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26th November – Market Hill lights switch on 6pm
Friday 27th November – Whisstocks' lights switch on 6pm
Sunday 29th November – Candlelit Advent Service Taizé style, in St Mary's, Woodbridge 5.30 pm
Saturday 5th December – Woodbridge Choral Society concert in St Mary's, Woodbridge 7pm
Sunday 6th December – 'St Nicholas' Toy services (in both churches)
Sunday 6th December – Woodbridge Street Market
Tuesday 8th December – Next PCC Meeting 7pm

AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

For Churches Together in the Woodbridge Area at a time of development and change

For our school family of St Mary's Primary – children, parents and carers, staff and governors

For peace – in the continuing negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, and in our own hearts and lives

Among the Sick
Ann Pickard, Brenda Prior, Carol Alexander, Chris Burn, Colin Richmond, Patti Cottam, Tony Burton

Among the Departed
For all who have recently died, including Jean Green.
May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from our apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive us
in new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
In this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope
Bring us at the last
to that fullness of life
for which we long,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
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

Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am to 12.30pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9am to 4pm

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