

# UNITED BENEFICE e-News

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Easter 3

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer via Zoom **10.00** Bellringers' 'Spring Ring', **Cambridge** 

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> (Easter 3)

o8.oo BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge
10.oo Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge
17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge\*
18.oo Standing Committee, Seckford
Room

#### MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

10.00 Time to Reflect, Seckford Room

#### TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, SMH
17.00 Christian Meditation, SMH
19.00 PCC Meeting, SMH
19.00 Bellringers' practice

#### THURSDAY 18th

10.00 Said Eucharist, Woodbridge18.30 Choir rehearsal, SMH

TODAY'S Readings Sunday 14th April (Easter 3) Acts 3. 12 - 19 1 John 3. 1 – 7 Luke 24. 36b - 48 SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer via Zoom **10.00-16.00** 'Earth Day', Whisstocks Place

SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> (Easter 4; 'Vocations Sunday') 08.00 BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge 10.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge 10.30 Morning Prayer, Great Bealings 17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge

> \*Evening Prayer: Psalm 142 Isaiah 56. 1-8 John 21

Readings for NEXT WEEK Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April (Easter 4) Acts 4. 5-12 1 John 3. 16 – end John 10. 11-18

#### NOTICES

**CHURCH RECORDERS** – Our new three-volume 'edition' on the Ornaments & Fitting of St Mary's, Woodbridge has been delayed in arrival because of poor binding. As soon as the extended (five) volumes appear, we will let you know!

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION (WOODBRIDGE)** - The annual update of our records will take place between 16th and 30th of April, in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th May. Margaret Davidson is our Electoral Roll Officer, and is very keen that every eligible person (please see list on notice in church porch) is included. The form 'Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll' is available at the back of the church or from Margaret. Please sign up and increase our numbers for representation on the Deanery Synod and be able to nominate, stand and elect members to the PCC. N.B. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you don't need to sign up again!

**NEW 'SOCIAL' LEAD** – This is an important role which now needs to be filled – someone with flair, imagination, good organisational skills, and happy to 'muck in.' The pay is non-existent(!) but it is the 'thrill' of taking part, leading... please have a word with Veronica or David.

**FAIRTRADE FOR WOODBRIDGE** will be having a stall at **Whisstocks Place** for **Earth Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April,** from **10am to 4pm**, and St Mary's Shop has been invited to share their stall and sell our lovely range of Fairtrade goods. The event is being organised by Transition Woodbridge and will have a focus on food. Please get in touch with Jackie Shipley if you are able to help out on the day, with setting up, manning the stall for a couple of hours, and / or clearing away afterwards. Thank you.

**SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR** – 'Spring Serenade' concert on **Sunday 28**<sup>th</sup> **April** at **3pm**, in **St Mary's, Woodbridge** (raising funds for Just42), including soloist Mark Saberton, and 'Simply Celli'. Tickets are £15, available <u>here</u>, and the Friends of St Mary's will be running a donation bar (proceeds to the Fabric Fund).

**OUR BUILDING PROJECT** - After many years of considering very carefully the best way to preserve St Mary's House - and ensure that it and the Church meet current needs of access and use (with respect to mobility and hosting/welfare facilities) - for our own groups, other hirers, supporting Market Hill, the town of Woodbridge and our wider community, it is with great excitement that plans for the future, including for the management of the churchyard (with a heritage trail), will be displayed **THIS SUNDAY**, **14**<sup>th</sup> **April**, and leaflets distributed. We are extremely grateful to Katharine Turner, Fr Nigel, Henry Freeland, and Rita James, who have contributed to the content and design, in full consultation with our PCC.

Veronica Howe & David Sharples

**ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP** – Huge thanks to David Berridge for this fantastic window display, and to Janice Poulson for taking the photographs.





## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For our Benefice and a close uniting together between Great Bealings and Woodbridge as 'Easter People'

For all preparing to go back to our schools and colleges

For the gift of peace and reconciliation in the parts of the world caught up in war...

For any we know who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Barbara Mellor

Among the recently departed, for Derek Cole and Maureen Holmes

# COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK) Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through 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 Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. AMEN

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