



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY 18th (Trinity 14)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist,
Woodbridge (livestream link:
<https://youtu.be/ySPCTJKXrUQ>)
10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**
17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**
18.00 Standing Committee meeting,
Woodbridge
19.30 Silent Candlelight Vigil in memory
of HM The Queen, **Elmhurst Park**

MONDAY 19th Bank Holiday

10.00 Livestream of HM Queen Elizabeth
II's state funeral (11am), **Woodbridge**
with coffee and refreshments available
at the west end. All welcome.

TUESDAY 20th

17.15 Meditation Group in SMH
19.00 Bellringers practice
19.00 PCC meeting, **SMH** (please note
earlier start time)

WEDNESDAY 21st

17.30 Rainbows meeting, **BP Room**

THURSDAY 22nd (St Matthew)

08.45 Woodbridge Prep School Assembly
10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**,
followed by coffee
18.00-19.30 Ukrainian 'English' class in
Main Hall, SMH
18.00 Brownies meeting, **BP Room**
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **Woodbridge**
19.30 Rangers meeting, **BP Room**

FRIDAY 23rd

16.00 Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY 24th

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
9.30 Great Bealings Prayers, to start our
Deanery Pilgrimage. All welcome.
10.00 to 16.00 Churches Together Eco
Church Stand, **Whisstocks Place**
13.00 Wedding of Charlotte Millar &
Chris Johnson

SUNDAY 25th (Trinity 15)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
14.00 Concluding Festival Concert with
Tom Rogerson & Talvin Singh, in **St
Mary's Woodbridge**. Not to be missed!
17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

Readings for Sunday 25th September

1 Timothy 6. 6-19

Luke 16. 19-end

NOTICES



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BOTH OUR CHURCHES are open **THIS WEEKEND** (at **Woodbridge between 10.30am-6.30pm**) and **BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE** are provided for you to write your own reflections on our Queen's faithful, and glorious, 70 year reign. On **MONDAY** Westminster Abbey comes to Woodbridge via our **BIG SCREEN**, showing at **St Mary's** on **Bank Holiday Monday**. Particular thanks to David Sharples for his technical help.

Bishop Martin has sent us the following prayer to use privately and publicly:

**Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
For her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP - The Church Shop will be closed on Monday 19th September as a sign of respect to mark the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We will be open on Tuesday 20th as usual.

SINGAPORE EVENING - will be postponed until the new year. Hopefully we will combine this lovely evening with the Chinese New Year (4th February), and it is expected that tickets will cost £15 each. For refunds of tickets already purchased, please visit the Church Shop or for advice consult Linda, in the Parish Office.

WOODBIDGE AMBIENT MUSIC FESTIVAL – this community festival takes place over the weekend of **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September**, with the highlight being a performance by Suffolk native, pianist and composer, Tom Rogerson, at **2pm** on **Sunday 25th September** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. More details of the whole event can be read here: <https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/suffolk-music-festival-brian-eno-9140824> and tickets are available via [Eventbrite](#).

Also, on **Saturday 24th September, between 10am and 4pm**, Churches Together will have a stand at Whisstocks Place focusing on 'Eco Churches'. If you can spare an hour to help, please have a word with our representatives: Rita James, Virginia Porter, or Stephen Cole.

TIME TO REFLECT - is reconvening in person for our Autumn Reading together. Our book is *'How to Eat Bread: 21 nourishing ways to read the Bible'* by Miranda Threlfall Holmes. Recently published, the book has some challenging and stimulating thinking. We hope it will appeal to people and would love to welcome new members to the group. We are going to be back to meeting in person, this time well-spaced out in the Hall in St Mary's House. The sessions will be held on Mondays with **coffee served from 10am** onwards and starting at **10.30am until 12.00 noon**. Dates are **3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st October**, and **7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November**. If this might interest you and you'd like to find out more please contact the Benefice Office and they will put you in touch with one of the organisers.

OUR THANKS – to everyone who came along to our Benefice Quiet Day in Eyke, a beautiful, and prayerful, oasis for busy people!

OUR DEANERY PILGRIMAGE – Please check which Churches to arrive at, and when, if you just want to do a 'little' walking instead of all of it. Fr Nigel wrote the special prayer to accompany each pilgrim en route to our picturesque, largely rural, Churches. We start with prayers at **St Mary's, Great Bealings on Saturday 24th September**, at **9.30am**.

LAST WEEK'S RIDE 'N' STRIDE – Thank you to all who helped to welcome our visitors. Special thanks to those of us who did the Lord's work: Virginia & Norman Porter, Alison & Peter Wintgens, and Tony Waller. It is still not too late to sponsor them, and increase our final totals.

HARVEST – This year both our Churches are again supporting our local Salvation Army Food Bank, and after our 9.30am and 11am services, will also be planting a few trees – as part of the 'Green Canopy' encouraged by 'Royal Assent'. (We are also hoping to plant roses in memory of Queen Elizabeth II). Watch out for further details, and keep the date: **Sunday 2nd October**. On that day also we are going to launch a special bake off competition for our children. More details next Sunday!

STANLEY'S HATS - Stanley was Churchwarden from 2012-2018 and last year produced over 100 hats for sale in our Church Shop. He is making more, but would very much appreciate donations of wool - even small amounts of different colours - so that our Church Funds may benefit again from the sales. Double Knitting or thicker is appropriate. Wool may be left in the shop, please.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – The Riverside Musical Theatre Company will perform their show at **St Mary's, Woodbridge on Saturday 8th October** at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £12.50 (available from the Riverside Theatre or in the church shop). Flyers are available in church for you to take home and pass on to friends and family please.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean & Chapter of Westminster Abbey.

For our new King & Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Charles III... for our Deanery of Woodbridge & Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.

For our new Prime Minister and Cabinet as they begin to tackle the energy and cost of living crises.

For the continuing relief efforts in Pakistan and all throughout the world so tragically affected by climate change...

Please pray for any you know who are sick in body, mind or spirit. For their carers.

Among the recently departed: Molly Hayward R.I.P.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in 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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of
bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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.

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Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday 12-4pm, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-2pm.

Please note the Rector's day off is Wednesday.