

INTRODUCTION

Welcome everyone at the start of **GENEROSITY WEEK 2023** (Acts 4. 32-33)! Thank you for all your financial support over the last year to support the mission of our Benefice, especially via our national PGS scheme. We encourage you to spend a little while in the coming days to view the [special Diocese resources](#), and please speak with Michael Holland or Phil Poole confidentially if you would like any further information or help with how best to give regularly and / or increase your weekly, monthly, or annual gift. Alternatively you can read [this useful guide](#).

To set up a regular donation, or to make a one off donation, online: go to [Our Parish Giving page](#)

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 24th September
(Trinity 16)
Philippians 1. 21-30
Matthew 18. 1-16

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 1st October
(Harvest Thanksgiving)
Deuteronomy 26. 1-11
John 6. 25-35

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Help us to be generous, O God, in our stewardship, our time, and talents, to serve you generously – and all among whom we live and work...

For our Benefice Treasurers: Phil Poole and Will Self; and for our Parish Giving Secretary, Michael Holland

For our commitment to help those most in need, especially in Libya; for the relief efforts of the British Red Cross, Unicef, and Christian Aid...

For all past benefactors of our Churches, especially James Harper and Jill Ganzoni. May they rest in peace.

**COLLECT
(PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)**

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you
deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your
will.
AMEN
(St Ignatius of Loyola)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of grace, ever creating and
restoring,
You breathe life into all things
And embrace us with an
everlasting love;
Help us to grow in wonder and
awe,
To embody a spirit of gratitude,
And to dream generous dreams;
That in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

NOTICES

THE RECTOR'S NEW DAY OFF is to be Monday instead of Wednesday. Please note!

HARVEST GIFTS – Next week please bring along tinned gifts and non-perishable goods, such as rice, tea, coffee, porridge oats, cereals... for the Salvation Army Foodbank

BENEFICE HARVEST LUNCH – Please sign up **THIS SUNDAY** if you haven't already done so. It will be held in **SMH** on **Sunday 1st October** at **12.30pm for 1pm**. There will be a Bar, and we simply ask for a donation for drinks and the marvellous food provided. Please take a poster home with you to display.

'LIVESTREAMING' – Our PCC has agreed to 'press the pause button' in a week's time, and no longer record 'live' our 10am Eucharist. We would, though, be very pleased to hear from those parishioners locally who are housebound and would value a pastoral visit and / or Communion at home. Please contact Fr Nigel on 01394 610424 or rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org who will be pleased to arrange and meet up with you in person.

TIME TO REFLECT - 'What are you looking for?' – this is one of the questions asked by Jesus in the book we are going to be tackling this autumn in the Time to Reflect reading group. The group meets on **Monday mornings** in the **Main Hall** in **St Mary's House** beginning on **25th September**. Coffee is served from 10am onwards, and the sessions begin at **10.30am**, finishing at 12noon. Please let us know if you'd like to come. Contact Caroline Hawksley, email: moathawk@aol.com, tel. 01394 387848.

UKRAINIAN SOCIAL – On **Saturday 7th October between 1pm and 3pm** at **St Mary's House**. This is a thank you to all current volunteers, and an open invitation to anyone wanting to find out about the work of the Hub, especially anyone willing to consider hosting, so please come along for more information. It would be great if we could have a few 'hands on deck' to help in the kitchen, as we are hosting this event. Please see Fr Nigel.

'AN AFTERNOON WITH NICK YOUNG' – Sir Nick Young's 13 years running the British Red Cross took him to more than 100 countries, and a succession of high impact events. His book 'My Years with the British Red Cross' will be on sale and can be signed. We are delighted to have him as a Friends of St Mary's guest speaker on **Sunday 8th October at 3pm** in church (St Mary's, Woodbridge). Do join us!

BENEFICE QUIET DAY - 'Whose Service is Perfect Freedom' – Finding Freedom in Knowing God - is on **Tuesday 24th October 10am to 3pm** at **Brandeston Village Hall, IP13 7AH**. To book a place (& let us know if you will need a lift) please sign the list at the back of the church (Woodbridge). Cost: £12 in cash on the day Food: You will need to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PCC TREASURER – We are sorry to report that Phil Poole is standing down at the end of November because he has just started to continue his university studies for a PhD. Please keep in your prayers anyone in our congregation who could 'step up' and join our PCC Team.

JOINING OUR FLOWER GROUP – Just a reminder, after last week's excellent 'pep talk,' to please have a word with Penelope Bartlett or Sue Smith-Lyte if you would like to join our small team of arrangers in Woodbridge. They will give you any help, advice, or encouragement you may need. Thank you.

ORGAN WORKS have now begun, by Bishop & Son, to install our new swell shutters. Alleluia!

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE for both our Churches will be distributed shortly. If there is anyone who would like to become a Reader or lead the prayers, we would love to hear from you. Please have a word with Fr Nigel soonest.

'POP UP' CHOIR – Dates are now fixed for Advent and Christmas Carol Services. If you want to join us, please have a word with Sarah Dodds.

GREAT BEALINGS CHURCHYARD – Get fit next Saturday morning? See diary page overleaf!

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 22nd

11.30 Grove Court Communion
14.30-17.00 St Elizabeth Hospice
afternoon tea (in memory of Michael
Stagg, **SMH** (hosted by Veronica)

SATURDAY 23rd

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 24th (Trinity 16)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
(Livestream link:
<https://youtube.com/live/Y17QLRCIZHU>)
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge***

MONDAY 25th (Rector's Day Off)

08.30 'Pop Up' Coffee at **St Mary's**
Primary
10.00 Time to Reflect begins, **SMH**

TUESDAY 26th

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**
17.00 Meditation Group, **SMH**
19.00 Bellringers' practice
19.30 **PCC Meeting, Great Bealings**

THURSDAY 28th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge***
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal (including 'pop
up choir') **SMH**

FRIDAY 29th (St Michael & All Angels)

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

SATURDAY 30th (St Jerome)

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
08.30-13.00 Churchyard working party,
with coffee & Ploughman's Lunch
provided, **Great Bealings**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 1st October (Trinity 17)

09.30 Harvest Thanksgiving Family
Eucharist, **Great Bealings**
11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving Parish
Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
12.30 for 13.00 Benefice Harvest Lunch,
Woodbridge
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

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

To contact the Rector, Fr Nigel Prior, please call 01394 610424 or email rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org

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

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