

*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.*

TWO WEEKS AHEAD

FRIDAY 15th (Feast of the Assumption of the BVM – our 'official' Patronal!)

11.00 Said Mass, **Woodbridge**

14.00-17.00 Afternoon Teas, **The Rectory**

18.30 Our Bells ring out to mark the 80th Anniversary of 'VJ' Day

SATURDAY 16th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 17th

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

TUESDAY 19th

10.30 Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**

12.00 Funeral for David Berry, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **Epiphany Chapel, St Mary's Woodbridge**

19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice

19.30 Fabric Committee Meeting (**via MS Teams**)

THURSDAY 21st

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

FRIDAY 22nd August

11.30 Communion at **Grove Court**

18.00 Building Oversight Group Meeting

SATURDAY 23rd

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 24th (Bartholomew the Apostle)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, with Elders (Rita, Veronica & Alison D) Recommissioning, **Woodbridge** (there is a rumour of ice cream afterwards...)

TODAY'S Readings

Sunday 17th August

Trinity 9

Isaiah 5. 1-7

(Luke 12. 49-56)

Readings for NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24th August

St Bartholomew

Isaiah 43. 8-13

(Luke 22. 24-30)

NOTICES

ST MARY'S HOUSE – We apologise for any inconvenience caused this week whilst St Mary's House remains closed. An insurance investigation is ongoing to find the source and cause of a serious water leak, and any developments monitored. Only the Shop will remain open, and all toilets will remain closed. The Bull Inn and The King's Head have kindly agreed their toilets can be used by members of the congregation on Sunday, if needed.

BENEFICE QUIET DAY – Fr Nigel has booked Rev'd Canon Sharron Coburn, Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese, to lead us on **Thursday 28th August** in **Great Bealings**. Please sign up on the lists available ASAP in both our Churches if you are planning to join us. See leaflets for further details.

SUFFOLK HAS OVER 500 churches - Please support the annual **'Ride & Stride'** on **Saturday 13th September** from **9am to 5pm**. Sponsor forms available from Jonathan Keer (Great Bealings) on 07962 114378 or Tony Waller (Woodbridge) on 01394 386786 or anjwaller@uwclub.net). Woodbridge have 3 riders/striders so far. A couple more would be good. We also need recorders for which there is a signing up sheet at the back of church. One-hour slots from 9am-5pm. Recorders may seek sponsors too.



A NEW HEATING SYSTEM – Fr Nigel has made the 'case' for our applying to the 4th September DAC with firm proposals. These will be presented at our Extraordinary PCC Meeting on **Tuesday 26th August** at **7.30pm**.

'ASSUMPTION' AFTERNOON TEA at **The Rectory** from **2pm to 5pm** **THIS Friday 15th August**. £5 donation (or more if you can) in aid of our Building Project Appeal. We plan to have jam & fresh bread to buy, so if you can donate either or both, you will be warmly blessed!

"ECO DAY" on **Saturday 30th August** at **2pm** at **St Mary's Church, Parish Room, Great Blakenham IP6 0LN**. This church has recently achieved an Eco Church Silver Award so we can be inspired to do the same? There will be stalls with Eco information and products. Details from wendyatstmaryschurch@gmail.com. All welcome.

OUR THANKS to all who supported our recent GAZA APPEAL c/o The Sanctuary Foundation. And separately, to those who supported our wonderful visiting Choir, 'LUCEAT' at the start of their annual East Anglia Tour.

THEATRE TIP! If you haven't already been, go and see Hamlet at the Theatre in the Forest at Sutton Hoo. It is fantastic!

IN PERSON SAFEGUARDING COURSES – Please check times and venues on the available posters... for ‘Foundation’ and ‘Leadership’ ones coming up.

HAVE YOU SEEN the letter to FN from the Bishop Elect of the Diocese? It is posted at the west end noticeboard in Woodbridge St Mary.

ADVANCE NOTICE from John Davis: “‘Practical Mysticism’ - This six-week course was run at St Mary’s about 10 years ago. We will be running a slightly revised version again. The course is based on a book by Evelyn Underhill published in 1915 describing how Mysticism can be made practical in everyday life. It is a restating of the path followed by the traditional mystics including Julian of Norwich to find and unite with what is true and real. The course will run at St Mary’s House on Tuesdays **23rd & 30th September, 7th, 14th, 28th October, and 4th November, starting at 7pm.** Please email John Davis on jkdavis2312@gmail.com if you would like to join.

A PUBLIC NOTICE has been posted on our internal and external noticeboards re Faculty Application for new entrance pier gates and rebuilding of Churchyard (south) boundary wall in Woodbridge. Further details from Fr Nigel or David Sharples.

NEW PLANTS have been kindly planted by Rita either side of the steps approaching St Mary’s, Woodbridge – to attract more butterflies and bees.

PROPOSED BICYCLE RACK - In our recent PCC Fabric Committee meeting, we agreed to recommend & install a 6-bicycle rack near our Church Porch - and already, this idea has been well received by local families & visitors alike. Fingers crossed our PCC will agree!

TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE COMES TO WOODBRIDGE on **Tuesday 2nd September** at **11am**. The cyclists are leaving from Quay street outside the Crown Hotel and will be riding up Church Street past St Mary's Church and the Shire Hall, turning right in front of the Wild Strawberry Café onto Theatre Street, and leaving Woodbridge via Theatre Street and Grundisburgh Road. Our **Bellringers** have been asked to ring out in encouragement and celebration from 11am.



AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For the victims of war to be given a say in their own homelands of Palestine and Gaza; for peace to reign
- For our farmers in Suffolk, harvesting their crops in such dry conditions...
- For our students and young people after recent A-level results, and their plans for future work or university; for their teachers and families
- Among the sick or those recovering from illness we are asked to pray for Sarah Dodds, Sally Musson, Penny Bird, Dianne Tricker, and Margaret Lowe
- Among the recently departed: for the souls of David Berry & Terry Whale. We give thanks for the prayers of Blessed Mary, Mother of God, whose intercession joins the heavenly host with all creation.

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language
to share in the eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

FOR THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF 'VJ' DAY

God of the nations, our refuge and our dwelling place, we remember with thanksgiving those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific, and hold before you all those who suffered from the devastation and trauma of war. As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war, strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one, even 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, on 01394 388820 or parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org

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