



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 11th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 12th (Easter 7)

Start of Christian Aid Week

08.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

MONDAY 13th

10.00 Time to Reflect, **Seckford Room**

TUESDAY 14th (Matthias the Apostle)

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy’s Pantry, **SMH**

10.30 Morning Prayer at Seckford **Chapel**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

17.30 Governors’ Meeting (remote), **St Mary’s CE Primary**

19.00 APCM, **SMH**. Please attend!

19.00 Bellringers’ practice

WEDNESDAY 15th

11.00 Funeral of Roberta Jones, **Seven Hills**

19.30 ‘Living in Faith & Love’ course begins, **St Mary’s, Woodbridge**.

Refreshments included!

THURSDAY 16th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

19.30 Churches Together Woodbridge Area (CTWA), **Seckford Room**

SATURDAY 18th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

12.30 Wedding of Megan Stanley & Daniel Smith, **Woodbridge**

SUNDAY 19th (Feast of Pentecost) – wear something **RED!**

08.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

12.00 Woodbridge 10K race

15.00 Violin Recital (see details below), **Woodbridge**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

TODAY’S Readings
Sunday 12th May
(Easter 7)
Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end
1 John 5. 1-6
John 17. 6-19

***Evening Prayer:**
Psalm 47. 1-12
Isaiah 61
Luke 4. 14-21

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 19th May
(Pentecost)
Acts 2. 1-21
Romans 8. 22-27

NOTICES

JANICE POULSON celebrates a 'special birthday' **this Sunday**, and would be delighted if you came for coffee & cake **after church** in **St Mary's House**.

BELL SUNDAY - This Sunday, 12th May 2024, has been designated 'Bell Sunday', an opportunity to celebrate the role of bell ringing in the life of the church. So, the bell ringers would like to take this opportunity to invite any members of the congregation who would like to see what actually goes on 'up the tower' on a Sunday morning to arrive a bit earlier than usual and climb the 52 steps up to the Ringing Chamber and watch us. The staircase is a spiral - with a rope which helps! We look forward to welcoming our visitors.

'THY KINGDOM COME' – Please take a free 'Prayer Journal' this Sunday if you missed yours last week. These days between Ascension and Pentecost are a wonderful time to 'pray without ceasing' for the Gift of the Holy Spirit to transform those closest to our hearts, and those unknown to us?

PCC VACANCIES - We are looking still for at least one person for a 5-year term and up to three for 2-year terms, as well as one 2-year slot as one of our three representatives on the Deanery Synod. Please talk to any current PCC member or either Churchwarden for further information. Nomination papers for PCC and Deanery Synod roles are available from Parish Office or from Veronica. We need you!

COME TO OUR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) on **Tuesday 14th May** at **7pm** in **SMH**, which will be preceded by our Election of Churchwardens. Here we shall also present Veronica Howe's 'thank you' gift from you, as she steps down after such long and faithful service. All members of our Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend and vote.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is here - **12th to 18th May**. As last year Churches Together will be



delivering to most letter boxes in the Woodbridge area. There are envelopes at the back of church for those of you who don't get one through your letter box. Please [give online using our dedicated page](#), if you can. Full sealed envelopes may be returned to the church shop or posted in our church donation box. Christian Aid fundraisers are predominantly Christian. Aid is delivered irrespective of creed or nationality,

helping folk like Aline to push themselves out of poverty. Christian Aid operates in Gaza as well as many less newsworthy locations. You can discover much more about the work of Christian Aid at www.christianaid.org.uk.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR PILGRIMS – Rita, Alison & John – who have walked 80 miles, and prayed for us.

VIOLIN RECITAL – Eliza Burkitt (violin) with Daniel Law (piano) showcasing works by Kala Ramnath, Ysaye, Coleridge-Taylor and Sarasate, on **Sunday 19th May** at **3pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Retiring collection, with proceeds to be shared between Friends of St Mary's and the musicians themselves.

MOTHERS' UNION - Tickets are now available for our **June 13th 'Cream Tea' afternoon**, starting time of 3pm, priced at £5.00 per person from Anne Wright, Margaret Lowe, Jean Cobb, or Pauline Bowbrick.

CHURCH RECORDERS – the new five-volume set has arrived in the Parish Office, and is fantastic! Please make an appointment with Linda, to view in the Seckford Room.

ANNUAL CHURCH CRAWL - The annual Church Crawl with Roy Tricker is on **Friday 14th June**. We are visiting Iken Church in the morning, lunch at The Plough and Sail and then Snape Church in the afternoon. Everyone very welcome. If you are interested please contact Anna Ashton on 01394 384299 or Margaret Lowe on 01394 383486 **before the end of May** at the latest.

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH– Please see separate poster for this important 5-week Benefice course, to be held in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, commencing **THIS WEDNESDAY 15th May at 7.30pm**. The course booklets are just £5 each, from our Church Shop. We need as many of you present as possible, and every age group!

OUR WEBSITE – Please check out our recently updated [Choir page](#), new page for [Friends of St Mary's](#), and latest [blog post](#) about the plans for St Mary's House and the Church. Our thanks to Linda in the Benefice Office for getting us 'up to speed' and improving our 'image' and 'outreach.'

DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd June at **11am** at **St Mary's, Woodbridge** – our '**Patronal Festival**' with guest preacher, Canon Michael Robinson. This will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' Benefice Lunch. Please sign up at the back of the church if you can offer food contributions for 'mains' or 'puddings.' Please have a word with Kirsten Berridge for further information.

Sunday 30th June – **10am** our '**Buildings Appeal Launch**' at **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, with Bishop Tim Stevens. This will be followed by Adnams 'fizz' and canapés in **St Mary's House** – with your help and contributions!

Saturday 6th July 11am to 3pm – our **Summer Fair** at **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Watch out for forthcoming raffle tickets and lots more!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

God our Father,

- We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to breathe new life and love into the Church and the world
- In our own Church, we give thanks for our bell ringing team who call us to worship every Sunday, and for the Suffolk Association of Ringers who promote their ancient craft...

- For a generous response to Christian Aid Week, to those most in need, and for all their development workers

-Among the sick: for Jennifer Workman, Ann Pickard, John Sanderson, and Barbara Mellor

-For our Annual Meeting this week, and Election of new Churchwarden, Deanery Synod, and PCC members. May each of us serve faithfully, as Mary our Mother followed your Son:

“Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.”

Amen

-Among the recently departed: for Canon Geoffrey Tarris, Norma Cashmore, and Roberta Jones

COLLECT

(PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to
strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where
our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and
power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us
into all the world
to preach the gospel of his
kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news
we proclaim;
through 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

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

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