



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom  
10.30-12.00 Messy Church, in **St Mary's Woodbridge**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St Nicholas)**

09.30 Family Communion, **Great Bealings\***

11.00 All-age Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge\***  
(livestream link  
<https://youtu.be/u5EQTNIfTr8>) followed  
by Choir Rehearsal, including 'Pop Up'  
Choir

16.00 Advent & Welcome service for new  
minister Saul Tadzaushe and his wife  
Tariro, **Woodbridge Methodist Church**

17.30 Advent Choral Evensong,  
**Woodbridge**

\*\* Please bring along new TOYS for  
our TWO CHARITIES (0-16 years),  
Suffolk Refugee Support and East  
Anglia Children's Hospices.

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

08.00 'Pop Up' Coffee Tent for Parents,  
**St Mary's Primary**  
10.00 for 10.30 Advent Book Club, **SMH**.  
Led by Fr Nigel. All welcome.  
19.00 SMH Planning Group Meeting, **The  
Rectory**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**  
17.15 Meditation Group in **SMH**  
19.00 Bellringers practice, for 'learners &  
returners,' with general practice  
commencing at 19.30

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
14.30 Mothers' Union Carols & Readings,  
**SMH**  
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, including 'Pop  
Up' Choir, **SMH**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

11.30 Said Eucharist, **Grove Court**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom  
19.30 Woodbridge Choral Society  
concert, **Woodbridge** (see details below)

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist  
10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist,  
**Woodbridge**, followed by Choir  
Rehearsal, including 'Pop Up' Choir  
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**Readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**Isaiah 35. 1-10**  
**Matthew 11. 2-11**

## NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Thank you again to all our stall holders and helpers. We raised the wonderful sum of £2,166.04, and Great Bealings raised a further £200 for their PCC funds with their tombola. Special thanks to our ‘counters’ Phil and Michael!



**MESSY CHURCH** – ‘Messy Angels’ is this **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10.30am to 12 noon**, in St Mary’s, Woodbridge, followed by a Bring ‘n’ Share Lunch at the west end. Yummy!



**OUR BENEFICE “POP UP” CHOIR** – has started (alongside our regular Choir) preparing for Christmas in both our churches! Rehearsals will take place on:

- **Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**, in **SMH**, for 45 minutes, and after Church at St Mary’s, **Woodbridge**, on:
- **4<sup>th</sup> December (12.15pm)**
- **11<sup>th</sup> December (11.15am).**

Come as much as you can. We will be including the carols in both:

- **Great Bealings carol service (Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18:30)** and
- **Woodbridge carol service (Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18:30)**

It would be great to have you along on both occasions, but it is especially the Great Bealings service for which we’re aiming for the ‘pop-up’ effect since there is no regular choir there.

**WARM ROOM** – The ‘Happy Toaster Project’ funded by Cllr Caroline Page’s Locality Budget will be held on **Thursdays 10.30am to 1.30pm**, commencing on **8th December** as a ‘warm room’ in our Small Hall, for coffee/tea/toast/soup.

Clearly, this is an exciting initiative in our support of the town community and general outreach, and will require willing Volunteers to run it. It will be lovely too if some of our regular attendees at the 10am Thursday service can join us. We have great news that all the volunteer slots have been filled from 8th December to the end of January so far. Please contact the Parish Office to let us know you’d like to help, to fill in at short notice or be included in the February/March rota. Thank you.



**NEXT INSIDE OUT** – has arrived, so please bring a bag on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** to take away as many copies as you can deliver please. This edition will also be accompanied by a Churches Together Christmas card for every household, which includes details of all Christmas services and Warm Rooms in the Woodbridge area. Thank you for your help, and special thanks to Rita for all her design and editorial work!

**CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH SHOP** - Stock up on your cards including our own St Mary’s Christmas cards - printed by Stuart Wade, proceeds to the church, and all card photos by Janice Poulson. A huge thank you to Stuart and Janice.

We have a super range of bamboo socks and Stanley’s hats for those chilly days. Not forgetting our Fair Trade goodies perfect for gifts - from teas and coffee to Christmas cake and chocolate.

We are proud to stock the Suffolk Refugee book ‘Breaking Bread’ which is a collection of delicious recipes and would make a useful gift.

Why not pop in and support Fair Trade, our local artists and suppliers? We would love to see you.

**N.B. Extended hours for December**

Mondays 10-1

Tuesdays 10-4

Wednesdays 10-4

Thursdays 10-4

Fridays 10-4

Saturdays 10-3

**SALVATION ARMY FOODBANK** - The news from the Salvation Army Food Bank is that demand is up to 95 bags a week, but supply is not keeping pace. If you support financially on a regular basis please consider an increase. If you would like to start to do so please contact Major Alan Hills on 07562 007125 or call in on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. The need is urgent and great. Thank you.

**HIDDEN TREASURE** - We were very grateful for all tangible and monetary donations to the Christmas Market, but wonder if a mistake was made, in that an apparently valuable item of jewellery was found in one of the boxes. If you believe it may be yours and can provide a detailed description, please contact Linda in the Parish Office.

**COMPOST AREA** – The large compost area in our churchyard in Woodbridge is no longer our compost area! Please do not allow anyone to ‘dump’ garden waste or old flowers there. Instead we encourage use of the former compost area near the south door, where we hope to add protective fencing in due course.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS** – we are delighted that the following concerts are being performed in St Mary’s, Woodbridge:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** – Woodbridge Choral Society - ‘Joy at Christmas’ – an evening of choral music from Bernstein, Britten & Elgar, Christmas songs from Latin America. Tickets £16, available [here](#).

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** – RSPB / Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society – who say: “We will open with a Christmas song, and then the first half will be a mix of some G&S favourites, as well as some of our summer concert repertoire and some of Queen Elizabeth’s favourites. The entire second half will be all Christmas songs, along with a touch of fun audience participation.” Tickets £10 Adults; £5 for Under 16s, available [here](#).

**NEW SERVERS** – We are looking for new ADULTS and CHILDREN to join our team to be trained up before Christmas! Please have a word with David Sharples or Fr Nigel – who very much look forward to hearing from you.

**‘THE LETTER’** – For those who missed this amazing film we showed at St Mary’s, Woodbridge, [here is the link \(https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII\)](https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII) for you to watch it at home via YouTube. Please continue to remember in your prayers those parts of the world where climate change is very much a present reality – Hawaii, Senegal, Bangladesh...

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - If you wish to use the in-church postal service this year, please have your cards in envelopes which are clearly named (including surnames). They may be placed in the post box up to **4pm on Friday, 16th December** for collection from Sunday 18th onwards.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For our teachers, nurses, railway workers and Royal Mail staff, and a just settlement for their pay and conditions.

Among the sick, for Jennifer Workman, John White & Anna Ashton

Among the departed, for Gwendoline Nelson, George David de Courcy Hunter, Clifford Hudson, Nicholas Pearson, and Ann Barrett

### COLLECT for 4<sup>th</sup> December (St Nicholas)

Almighty Father, lover of souls,  
who chose your servant Nicholas to be  
a bishop in the Church,  
that he might give freely out of the  
treasures of your grace:  
make us mindful of the needs of others  
and, as we have received, so teach us  
to give;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord.

AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first  
coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN

### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

A candle burns,  
the sign of your Word.  
God of the prophets,  
come to us again this Advent.  
May your word be a lamp to our feet and  
a light on our path.  
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](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

**NEW** Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-12.30pm, and Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm.

To contact the Rector, Fr Nigel Prior, please call 01394 610424 or email [rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org)  
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