



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 21st

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
14.00-17.00 Woodbridge Climate Action Centre Energy Event (see details below)

SUNDAY 22nd (Epiphany 3)

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist*
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge***
(live stream link:
<https://youtu.be/72oYW6FHlmw>)
15.30 Candlelit Epiphany Procession, **St Eds Cathedral**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Epiphany Chapel**

* followed by "St Mary's is on a Mission" 'talent-seeking' event (details attached)

MONDAY 23rd

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**
14.00 Benefice PCC 'Working' group, **Seckford Room**
18.00 Friends' of St Mary's meeting, **Seckford Room**

TUESDAY 24th

10.30 Communion at **Seckford Chapel**
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**

WEDNESDAY 25th (The Conversion of St Paul)

End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THURSDAY 26th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.30 Warm Room 'Happy Toaster Project', **SMH**. Please spread the word!
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

FRIDAY 27th

Holocaust Memorial Day (for your prayers)

SATURDAY 28th

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 29th (Epiphany 4)

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Epiphany Chapel**

**NB Sunday 5th February is our
Candlemas Celebration**

As well as our morning service, we are having a special evening celebration at **5.30pm** of Word and Music with guest musicians and the 'Cantus Firmus' team from the Cathedral. Please see posters.

The rehearsal starts at 2.15pm for all involved!

NOTICES

ORGANIST THIS SUNDAY – A big thank you to Toby Parr for stepping in for Sarah on Sunday. We hope some choir members will help any enquirers for new recruits after our 10am Eucharist. We are particularly short of tenors and basses.

REMINDER - When arranging meetings or events please check with Linda in the Parish Office for availability of the Church, Hall or meeting rooms before confirming, so that we avoid any calendar clashes! Thank you.

WOODBIDGE CLIMATE ACTION CENTRE ENERGY EVENT (for more details [see here](#)) - On **Saturday 21 January**, from **2pm to 5pm**, this will be held at the **Fred Reynolds Centre**, 3 Churchill Close, Woodbridge IP12 4UU, with a firm focus on Energy - practical ways to reduce your bills! This session is aimed fairly and squarely at those who will be having most trouble surviving this cost of living crisis.

There are some great people coming - Suffolk County Council's Climate Change Partnership, SaveMoneyCutCarbon, GreenPeace, Citizens Advice Suffolk Coastal, and Woodbridge Town Council. All welcome, and please spread the word!

SINGAPORE EVENING – (postponed from last year) will now be on **Saturday 25th February at 7pm for 7.30pm**, and will be a buffet-style meal of Singaporean food. Tickets may be bought for £18-00 (adults) and £10 (children under 12) from St Mary's Shop when it re-opens. There will be a Licensed Bar and some vegetarian dishes. Tickets are limited, so do secure yours soon!

CHURCH SHOP MANAGER – All our Church Volunteers have been notified of Sue Todd's impending 'retirement' at the end of March. Please think on and pray for a suitable successor (or a job share), who Sue will happily help prepare for a smooth handover.

OUR INTERCESSORS are encouraged to use the Diocesan **Prayer Diary** each Sunday for the 'Church' section. For reference, there is also a hard copy on the altar in the Epiphany Chapel, where private prayer is encouraged daily. Thank you.

OUR NEXT QUARTERLY SERVICE SCHEDULE for Readers etc is imminent, if not sooner! Please let Fr Nigel know if you would like to join our Reader or Intercessor rota for the first, or second, time.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Again please have a word with the Rector if there is anyone who would like to think about the next step of faith. Hopefully there will be classes provided after Easter.

FACEBOOK – If you haven't already 'liked' or 'followed' our page on Facebook, please [take a look here](#), where you can see our posts and 'events,' get involved in the conversation, and share our posts. If you have any information and / or photographs that you think might be useful and interesting to share please send them to Linda in the Parish Office parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org Please note that we must have the permission of anyone pictured in photographs for images to be posted on Facebook. Thank you.



Sunshine streaming through one of the stained glass windows at **St Mary's, Woodbridge** earlier this week. Hail Mary, full of grace!

Photo courtesy of Janice Poulson

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER

You made us, God
in your own image,
and then became one of us,
proud of those you have made.
Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family,
and eager to discover and celebrate your image
in every person, every culture,
every nation
that we are privileged to encounter.
AMEN

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For all the Churches Together in the Woodbridge area (CTWA). We give thanks for all who belong to our LGBTQIA+ Community of Christians.

Among the sick, for Jennifer Workman and Georgina Bendon

Among the departed, for Ann Briscoe and Janet Tuvey - and for all the innocent who have died in the tragedy of war. Also we pray for Suffolk author, Ronald Blythe, who died last week.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is
the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.
AMEN

Readings for Sunday 29th January

Epiphany 4
1 Kings 17. 8-16
John 2. 1-11

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

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

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