



*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.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

**12.00** Family / private Funeral for Lizzie McClelland, **St Mary's, Great Bealings**

**19.00** Building Oversight Group meeting, **Seckford Room, SMH**

### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

**12.00** Town VE Day Celebrations, commencing with Flag-raising ceremony at the War Memorial on Market Hill, and white flag procession to Elmhurst Park (Market Hill, Church Street, Thoroughfare closed to traffic from 11.30 to 12.30)

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> (Easter 4)

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**10.00** VE Celebration Eucharist & Parade, **Woodbridge** (with Deputy Town Mayor)

**16.00** Scott Brothers Duo 'Organ & Piano Spectacular' in aid of St Mary's, Woodbridge Building Project Appeal, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

### TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

**10.00 – 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

**10.30** Communion at **Seckford Chapel**

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**

**19.30** Bellringers' Practice

### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> (Matthias the Apostle)

**15.30** 'Zingy Singers' with Liz Prior, **St Mary's CE Primary**

### THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**15.00** Funeral for Derek (Fred) Yule, **Seven Hills**

**16.00** Confirmandi group, **The Rectory**

**18.30** Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

**19.30** Churches Together (CTWA) meeting, **Quay Church**

### FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

**11.00** Communion at **Grove Court**

**12.00** Memorial Service for Kay Yule, **St Mary's, Woodbridge** followed by reception in **St Mary's House**

### SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> (Easter 5)

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**10.30** Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

**12.00** Woodbridge 10K race

## NOTICES

**WOODBIDGE ST MARY'S ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** has been **rescheduled** for **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May** in the **hall** at **St Mary's House** at **7pm** (see notices on the Church noticeboard for further information). There are three vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and nomination forms are at the back of church. Each requires a Proposer and Seconder, please.

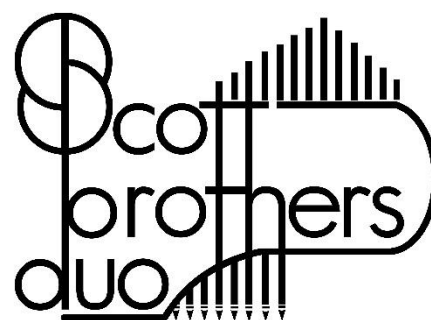
**OUR RECENT APCM IN GREAT BEALINGS** re-elected Norman Porter as Churchwarden, and our thanks to all re-elected PCC members. Their first meeting will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** at **7.30pm**.

**STUART WADE** is running the Woodbridge 10k next **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and raising funds for the St Mary's, Woodbridge Building Project Appeal. Please support him and the appeal – donations may be made online here: <https://givealittle.co/c/SMWStuart10K> or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone.



Huge congratulations to Stuart for running the London Marathon in 4 hours and 2 minutes!

**'ORGAN & PIANO SPECTACULAR' – THIS Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at **4pm** a special Building Project Appeal event with two outstanding musical brothers, Jonathan & Tom Scott (see their website: <https://www.scottbrothersduo.com/>) who will play organ and piano, including Elgar's 'Pomp & Circumstance March No. 1' and Addinsell's 'Warsaw Concerto' to celebrate the VE Day weekend. There will be a retiring collection, or you can donate online here: <https://givealittle.co/c/SMWScottBros>



**MOTHERS' UNION** will be holding their Annual 'Cream Tea' on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** at **3pm** in the **hall** at **St Mary's House**. Tickets are £5 per person. The afternoon will include a Raffle and the MUE Stall (for anyone wishing to purchase cards/gifts etc.) All the proceeds from the afternoon will go towards the work of the Mothers' Union at both Home and Overseas. Please support us and have an enjoyable afternoon with 'Scones/Cream/Jam' - plus Tea. Tickets for this can be purchased from St Mary's Shop from now!! Many thanks to Jackie and shop volunteers.

**"THE VIRTUES"** – Thank you to everyone who has signed up to attend this 6-week course, which is now full.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CRAWL** - Roy Tricker, one of our Appeal Patrons, has chosen the St Nicholas Chapel at Gipping (IP14 4PT) for our annual Church Crawl, (which was started well over 30 years ago by St Mary's Focus Group), also known as the Tyrrell Chapel. This will be on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**. followed by a pub lunch if required. Details later. If interested please contact Anna Ashton on 01394 384299 or [ashton.am@gmail.com](mailto:ashton.am@gmail.com) or Margaret Lowe on 01394 383486 or [margaret.lowe1@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.lowe1@btinternet.com)

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** is 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. We will be doing 'delivery only' envelopes starting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. New this year we will have bucket collections in Thoroughfare from **10am to 12noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. A big thankyou to all volunteers. You can visit our 'Churches in Woodbridge' online 'envelope' to donate here:



<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/christian-aid-week-2025-6> or scan the QR code.

Otherwise your prayers and generous support will help the many in desperate need. The Christian Aid Week operation is peopled mainly by Christians aiming to support the poor of the third world irrespective of creed or nationality.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** – Please pray for Erin and James who will be confirmed here in Woodbridge on the Feast of Pentecost! If there are any latecomers to the party, the invitation is still there – if you contact Fr Nigel soonest! Many thanks.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS** – These are seriously down in both our Churches over the past year – perhaps because we are becoming an increasingly 'cashless' society. Please use instead either of our card machines, or, even better, sign up to our [Parish Giving Scheme](#) (which organises everything for you). Please speak with our Giving Steward, Sarah Lines, (or email [givingsteward@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:givingsteward@stmaryswoodbridge.org)), or to any of our Sidespeople or Churchwardens.

**THANK YOU** to pianist Jill Crossland and all who helped organise and support her piano recital last Sunday, to raise money for church funds through the Friends of St Mary's. £160 was kindly donated via a retiring collection.

**TODAY'S Readings**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
Micah 4. 1-4  
2 Corinthians 5. 16-21  
John 13. 31-35

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Acts 11. 1-18  
John 13. 31-35

## AMONG YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For our Benefice Church family, Deanery and Diocese; for Christian Aid's staff and volunteers across the world... for the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, that he will be a source of blessing & unity...
- For our Town Council, giving thanks for this weekend's VE Day Anniversary celebrations; for Rock Barracks and all who serve in our Armed Forces today...
- For anyone we know who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and for their Carers...
- Among the recently departed: for the souls of Derek (Fred) Yule, Lizzie McClelland, Nigel Steed, and Garry Humphreys. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### COLLECTS

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one  
flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

AMEN

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O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those men and women  
who have died in active service,  
particularly in the Second World War,  
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.  
As we honour their courage and cherish their  
memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope,  
now and for ever.

AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay  
down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in  
his steps;  
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](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

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

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