



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 1st October

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

9.30 Diocesan Synod, via Zoom

A.M. Churchyard Working Party,
followed by ale & pie lunch, **Great
Bealings**

**SUNDAY 2nd (Trinity 16) (Harvest
Thanksgiving)**

09.30 Family Communion, **Great
Bealings**, followed by 'Green Canopy'
tree planting

11.00 All-age Parish Eucharist,
Woodbridge, followed by 'Green
Canopy' tree planting
(livestream link:

<https://youtu.be/dphhogLe5Mo>)

17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**MONDAY 3rd (George Bell, Bishop of
Chichester)**

09.45 St Mary's Primary KS1 Harvest
Service

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**

11.30 Funeral service for Audrey Hattan

17.30 St Mary's Brownies meeting, **BP
Room** & **18.45** Guides meeting, **SMH**

TUESDAY 4th (St Francis of Assisi)

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry open for
coffee & cake, and lunch in **SMH**. Please
support this!

10.30 Communion at **Seckford Chapel**

17.15 Meditation Group in **SMH**

19.00 Bellringers practice

WEDNESDAY 5th

17.30 St Mary's Rainbows meeting, **BP
Room**

19.30 Licensing of Rev'd Captain Simon
Cake to the Hollesley Cluster, **All Saints',
Hollesley**

THURSDAY 6th (William Tyndale, Martyr)

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

14.00 Mothers' Union Committee
Meeting, **SMH**

18.00-19.30 Ukrainian 'English' class in
Main Hall, SMH

18.00 St Mary's Brownies meeting, **BP
Room**

18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **Woodbridge**

SATURDAY 8th October

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

19.30 Riverside Musical Theatre Concert,
St Mary's Woodbridge

SUNDAY 9th (Trinity 17) ('Prison Sunday')

08.00 BCP Eucharist

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

14.00-17.30 RSCM Choral Festival, at our
Cathedral Church

17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

Readings for Sunday 9th October

2 Timothy 2. 8-15

Luke 17. 11-19

NOTICES

CHURCH ANGELS! – Last Monday when we had our pop-up café at St Mary's Primary, there was a crisis in the kitchen – no chefs! So huge thanks to Kirsten and Mags who made up 150 packed lunches there and then.

HARVEST – This Sunday 2nd October both our Churches are again supporting our local Salvation Army Food Bank, and, after our 9.30am and 11am services, will also be planting a few trees – as part of the 'Green Canopy' encouraged by 'Royal Assent'. (We are also going to plant a climbing rose in memory of Queen Elizabeth II). It would be appreciated if we could all donate any of the following:

- UHT milk
- Packet mashed potato
- Jar pasta sauce
- Tinned potatoes, baked beans, spaghetti, tomatoes, peas, carrots or sweetcorn
- Tinned soup
- Tinned meat (corned beef, ham, or ravioli) or fish
- Tinned rice pudding or fruit

MOTHERS' UNION - welcome our guest speaker Clare Perkins to our branch meeting on **Thursday 13th October** with a talk on 'My Mayoral Year and Other Stories'. This should prove to be a very interesting talk from Clare. All are very welcome to our branch meetings, including our friends in Great Bealings. We start the meeting with **Corporate Communion at 2:15pm in Church** followed by the **talk in SMH at @ 2:45pm**. We look forward to welcoming you. Refreshments are available.

BAKE-OFF COMPETITION - Calling all bakers! On **Sunday 6th November**, we will be hosting a 'Bake-Off'. Categories will include: sweet, savoury, and Junior Baker (under 16). More details from Rachel Wade, at our Harvest Festival.

STANLEY'S HATS - Stanley was Churchwarden from 2012-2018 and last year produced over 100 hats for sale in our Church Shop. He is making more, but would very much appreciate donations of wool - even small amounts of different colours - so that our Church Funds may benefit again from the sales. Double Knitting or thicker is appropriate. Wool may be left in the shop, please.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – The Riverside Musical Theatre Company will perform their show at **St Mary's, Woodbridge** on **Saturday 8th October** at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £12.50 (available from the Riverside Theatre or in the church shop). Flyers are available in church for you to take home and pass on to friends and family please.

CHOIR UPDATE – We are keen for new people to join us, including Great Bealings! If you would like a list of key dates over the next four months, please have a word with Sarah Dodds. We rehearse every Thursday (6.30-8pm) and sing every Sunday morning.

ECO CHURCHES STAND & WOODBRIDGE AMBIENT MUSICAL FESTIVAL CONCERT – Thanks to Rita and Barbara for all their help at Whisstocks Place last Saturday, and to the Friends of St Mary's Woodbridge, who staffed a packed church with their busy bar! This raised £135, which was great!

PRISONS WEEK – This takes place from next **Sunday 9th October** and aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, and prisons staff. We shall hear next week from some of our own congregation who are visitors.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH – You are invited to celebrate 10 years of fund raising and events with this special **10th Anniversary** event on **Wednesday 19th October** at **6pm**, with guest speaker John McCarthy and a special screening of the film 'John McCarthy's Woodbridge. Please take and display a poster, or hand out some flyers, to spread the word! All welcome.

OUR CHURCHYARD(S) CARBON SURVEY – WE NEED at least 2 kind volunteers, please, from each Church to collect soil samples. This will help survey their unique position and carbon stores, as well as soil structure, tree and bush sizes. Detailed guidance will be made available for the survey (about three hours needed only) as well as an online training session (**Thursday 6th October at 11am**, via **Zoom**). Please be in touch with Linda in the Parish Office soonest, from Great Bealings and Woodbridge, for this important initiative from 'Caring for God's Acre'. Thank you!

CHORAL EVENSONG – At short notice we are delighted to announce that we shall welcome the JUBILATE SINGERS to lead this beautiful service in **St Mary's, Great Bealings** on **Sunday 16th October** at **6pm**. Please make it a date!

HARVEST – Our thanks to the Flower Group for the lovely decorations at St Mary's, Woodbridge, for the flower donation at Great Bealings, and to everyone who has brought donations for the Salvation Army Foodbank. Please remember their work and volunteers in your prayers.

EASE THE SQUEEZE – is a thoughtful and detailed initiative from East Suffolk Council to help us all tackle the rising cost of living. N.B. there is to be a workshop to find out a lot more here in **Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road**, on **Tuesday 25th October** from **10am to 12 noon**. All welcome.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We give thanks for our local farmers and all who produce and distribute the food we eat.
For our local shopkeepers and garden centres; for the Forestry Commission and Woodland Trust nationally, who tend and care for our trees; for all who campaign for environmental protection...

For our Care Homes at Seckford and Grove Court and all who support our ministry of healing; for our Elders who take the sacrament.

Among the recently departed we pray for the souls of: Nigel Coleman, Amanda Slade, and Audrey Hattan.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

Lord of creation,
Whose glory is around and within us:
Open our eyes to your wonders,
That we may serve you with reverence
And know your peace at our lives' end,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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

Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday 12-4pm, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-2pm.

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Please note the Rector's day off is Wednesday.

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