

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 18th

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
13.00-17.00 Dances of Universal Peace,
Woodbridge Community Hall (see
below)

**SUNDAY 19th (St Edmund, King of the
East Angles, Martyr, 850; Safeguarding
Sunday)**

08.00 BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge
10.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge
10.30 Morning Prayer, Great Bealings
17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge
18.30 Organ Recital, with Tim Patient,
Woodbridge, in aid of Friends of St
Mary's

MONDAY 20th

10.00 Time to Reflect, SMH



TUESDAY 21st

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in SMH
17.00 Christian Meditation, SMH
19.00 Bellringers' AGM & Supper,
Seckford Room

THURSDAY 23rd

10.00 Said Eucharist, Woodbridge
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, SMH

FRIDAY 24th

11.30 Communion at Grove Court

SATURDAY 25th

Start of 'Red Chair Project' (MU)
09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
15.00-17.00 Our Christmas Market,
Woodbridge

SUNDAY 26th (Christ the King)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge
10.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge
17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 19th November
(St Edmund; Safeguarding
Sunday)

Woodbridge:
Revelation 1. 1-4, 2. 1-5
Luke 18. 35-end

Great Bealings:
Psalm 47 & 71
Isaiah 9. 8 - 10. 4
Matthew 7. 1-12

NOTICES

‘UNITING HUMANITY, [DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE](#)’ – On **Saturday 18th November** from **1-5pm** at **Woodbridge Community Hall**. No previous experience necessary, just bring your willingness to learn simple steps and chants, and join together in a spirit of peace. Interval with tea and coffee provided. See poster in SMH foyer, and contact Naraya Gabriel for more information, on 07733 612442 or narayagabriel@gmail.com



‘POP UP’ CHOIR REHEARSAL – following on from ‘Come and Sing!’ the first of the ‘Pop Up’ Choir rehearsals will take place **after church THIS SUNDAY 19th November**, Woodbridge, and then continue on:

Sundays after church - 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December

Thursdays at 6.30pm – 30th November, 14th December

OUR CELEBRATION ORGAN RECITAL is **THIS SUNDAY 19th November** at **6.30pm**, by Tim Patient, Director of Music at Eye Parish Church. We are celebrating recent Organ improvements by Bishop & Son, all funded by our hardworking ‘Friends’. Please support.



OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET is nearly here and will happen from **3-5pm** on **Saturday 25th November**. Now is the time, please, for **YOU** to get involved - we need (strong) help on **Friday 24th**, some on **Saturday morning** and lots on **Saturday afternoon** for stalls, activities and competitions, with more (strong) help for an hour afterwards.



PLEASE SIGN UP as soon as possible to offer your time. Help is needed!

PLEASE DONATE ITEMS for the stalls - ideally by Friday and either to the back of the church or to the shop.

- Cakes – please wrap and list ingredients (for Saturday?)
- Wine * New Candles * Christmas Puddings
- New Christmas Decorations * Wreaths
- Christmas items with a star motif, including wrapped biscuits with ingredients listed
- Gifts - on a re-cycle, re-purpose, re-use basis
- Please offer only items that you would wish to buy, i.e. they need to be clean and in saleable condition

Let's make it fun and another great success!

WOODBIDGE LIGHTS NIGHT – We are delighted that our Choir have been invited to sing at this outdoor event, on **Thursday 30th November** - which begins at 4.30pm on Market Hill, and includes a professional storyteller (inside the Shire Hall) – with the singing beginning around 5.15pm. **Our Choir** will be joined by the ‘**Zingy Singers**’ after school choir from **St Mary’s Primary**. 6pm lights switch on, with a procession down to Thoroughfare, and this is also the first late night shopping opportunity.

ST NICHOLAS APPEAL FOR TOYS! - We are again inviting your kind donation of **new toys** at our 10am Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 10th December**. We are supporting two much respected local charities: ‘Home Start in Suffolk’ and ‘Suffolk Refugee Support’. The former has requested toys for children in the 0-2 age group, and some craft and board games for slightly older children, and the latter have given us details of the ages of specific children they would like us to support (see list at the back of Church).



ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL & SAVE THE CHILDREN – Year 5 from St Mary’s Primary recently joined with children from the 20 other schools within the St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Multi Academy Trust, to raise funds for [Save the Children](#) with a new Christmas song. Chris Warren, Music Coordinator at St Matthew’s Primary School in Ipswich, wrote the song, focusing on some really relevant themes. You can



Save the Children

[watch the video](#) of the children performing the song on [You](#)

[Tube](#), and if you wish to donate go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/children-of-the-world>

HOME FOR GOOD SUFFOLK promote fostering, adoption and supported lodgings in Churches, and support families within Suffolk who foster and adopt. They are holding an online information session on **Thursday 23rd November** at **8pm** for those interested in finding out more about fostering, adoption and supported lodgings in Suffolk. More information [here](#).



STAR-THEMED ‘MESSY ADVENT’ is on **Saturday 9th December** in **St Mary’s House** from **10.30am to 12noon**, followed by a shared lunch. There will be stars aplenty! All children need to be accompanied by an adult, please.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR – Andrew Lloyd-Webber’s classic musical is coming to Ipswich Regent Theatre! Fr Nigel wondered if there would be any interest in a Benefice Theatre Outing on **Saturday 20th January** for the matinee performance at **2.30pm**. Please contact the Parish Office in the coming week to register your interest at least.

ALICIA FREEMAN’S FUNERAL will take place in **Seckford Chapel** on **Wednesday 6th December** at **2.30pm**.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

- For our Diocesan patron saint, Edmund, and our Cathedral Church in Bury St Edmunds; for Dean Joe, Chapter, and all pilgrims
- For all our Safeguarding Officers in every Parish
- For all our Church organists, musicians, & choirs preparing for Advent and Christmas
- For Children in Need across the world, especially in Gaza and Ukraine, that their lives be saved

COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

Eternal God,
whose servant Edmund kept faith to
the end,
both with you and with his people,
and glorified you by his death:
grant us such steadfastness of faith
that, with the noble army of martyrs,
we may come to enjoy the fullness
of the resurrection life;
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

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the
glory of the cross and the victory
of your martyr, Edmund:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and
resurrection,
give us with all your saints the
courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the
tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS for the Feast of Christ the King
Ephesians 1. 15-end
Matthew 25. 31-end

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

THIS WEEK: Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday 9am to 12.30pm, Wednesday 1pm to 4pm, and Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm.

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