



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 28th (Thomas Aquinas, 1274)

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 29th (Epiphany 4)

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

(live stream link:

<https://youtu.be/SZXDINEN9hw>)

Mass setting: *Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)*

Anthem: *O taste and See (Vaughan Williams)*

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Epiphany Chapel**

MONDAY 30th

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**

19.00 Fabric Committee meeting,
Seckford Room

TUESDAY 31st

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**

17.15 Meditation Group in **SMH**

17.30 St Mary's Primary Governors'
Meeting

19.00 Bellringers' practice, for 'learners
& returners,' with general practice
commencing at **19.30**

WEDNESDAY 1st February

11.30 Funeral for Peter Denny,
Woodbridge Cemetery

THURSDAY 2nd

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.30 Warm Room 'Happy Toaster
Project', **SMH**. Please spread the word!

18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

19.30 Deanery Synod, **St Felix**

Rendlesham with Diocesan Children's &
Families' Officer, Hilary Wordsworth-
Sewell (see details below)

SATURDAY 4th

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 5th (Feast of Candlemas)

09.30 Family Communion, **Great Bealings**

11.00 all-age Parish Eucharist,
Woodbridge

14.15 Rehearsal for Candlemas
Celebration for all involved, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Candlemas Celebration, in Word &
Song, **Woodbridge** with 'Cantus Firmus'
and our Choirs. All welcome! Please
display poster near you!

Readings for Sunday 5th February

Feast of Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5

Luke 2. 22-40

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE – we have won a Bronze Eco Award for St Mary's Woodbridge. Special thanks to Rita for driving this forward and filling in all the forms.

THANK YOU – to all our new volunteers who signed up last Sunday. For those who were away, our tables are dotted around the church again for your interest and possible support. We very much need help with setting up a monthly Lunch Club, and a Mother & Toddlers' Group, as well as new support for Junior Church and our regular Choir. The new plans for developing St Mary's House (as well as new toilet, wheelchair access, and solar panels for church) are also well worth seeing. The architect is Henry Freeland in Cambridge, whose many interests and expertise include being Inspecting Architect of King's College, Cambridge, and Norwich Cathedral.

LAST WEEK'S SERMON can be found [here](#) (and every week via our church website).

WOODBIDGE DEANERY SYNOD – this is an 'Open' meeting, on **Thursday 2nd February** at **7.30pm**, about 'Growing Younger' if you would like to work with (reach) young people, children, and families. Please have a word with Liz or Rachel if you would like a lift.

BOOKINGS 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.

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. Please do purchase your tickets soonest, to help the chefs involved!

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. It could be a job share between two people – (a) organise rotas for volunteers, and (b) ordering & stocktaking. Please have a word with Sue Todd.

OUR INTECESSORS are encouraged to use the Diocesan **Prayer Diary** [here](#) 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Please have a word with the Rector if there is anyone who would like to think about the next step of faith. Hopefully, with sufficient interest, there will be a new course provided after Easter, which is both informative & enjoyable.

GREAT BEALINGS – new window guards are being fitted (on Friday 27th January) to those windows most in need of protection. Our thanks to Charles Barrington for securing external funding.

NOTICE is given for the new swell front to the organ, and related works, by Bishop & Son, Ipswich, pending Faculty permission (our PCC unanimously agreed this maintenance and restoration work last September).

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.

DIARY DATES

- **Bishop Martin** is joining us on **Sunday 12th February** at **10am** – which includes the recommissioning of some of our Elders.
- **Anniversary Vigil** on the invasion of Ukraine, on **Friday 24th February** at **6pm**. Our Ukrainian families and guests will be warmly welcomed.
- **Choral Evensong** with the Jubilate Singers, on **Sunday 26th February** at **5.30pm**.



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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our skills, gifts and talents with others, and with you, our God

For our local schools, teachers, pupils and governors

Among the sick, for Jennifer Workman and Georgina Bendon; for the NHS and for all carers

Among the departed, for Peter Denny, Ann Briscoe and Janet Tuvey, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious
gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance
and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have
proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders
in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 & Wednesday 9am-12.30pm, and Thursday & Friday 9am-4pm

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