



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> (Thomas Aquinas, 1274)**

**09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> (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 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00** Time to Reflect, **SMH**

**19.00** Fabric Committee meeting,  
**Seckford Room**

**TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**11.30** Funeral for Peter Denny,  
**Woodbridge Cemetery**

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> February** at **10am** – which includes the recommissioning of some of our Elders.
- **Anniversary Vigil** on the invasion of Ukraine, on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at **6pm**. Our Ukrainian families and guests will be warmly welcomed.
- **Choral Evensong** with the Jubilate Singers, on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)**

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

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