

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**09.00** Elders' Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**09.30** Elders' Meeting, **SMH**  
**19.30** Woodbridge Choral Society  
concert, **Woodbridge**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> of Advent)**

**09.30** Lighting of the Advent Wreath and  
Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

**10.00-16.00** Woodbridge Christmas Street  
Market, **Thoroughfare/Quay Street**

**11.00** Lighting of the Advent Wreath &  
Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

**16.00** Choir (including 'pop up') rehearsal

**17.30** An 'Advent Pilgrimage',  
**Woodbridge** (please bring your friends)

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

**08.30** 'Pop Up' Coffee, **St Mary's Primary**  
**10.00** Time to Reflect, **SMH**

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30-14.00** Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**  
**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**  
**19.30** Bellringers' practice

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> (Nicholas, Bishop of  
Myrna, c.326)**

**14.30** Funeral service for Alicia Freeman,  
**Seckford Chapel**

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> (Ambrose, teacher of the  
faith, 397)**

**Christmas Jumper Day**, in aid of our local  
[St Elizabeth Hospice](#)

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

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

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00** Morning Prayer via Zoom

**10.30 to 12.00** "Messy Advent", **SMH**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent)**

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

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

**17.30** Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent)**

Isaiah 40. 1-11

2 Peter 3. 8-15a

**TODAY'S Readings**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**(1<sup>st</sup> of Advent)**

Isaiah 64. 1-9

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Mark 13. 24-end

(N.B. change to 'Year B')

## NOTICES

**ROADS CLOSED THIS SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER** – for the **Woodbridge Christmas Street Market** (which takes place along the Thoroughfare, and in Quay Street & Cumberland Street), so there will be no access to Church Street from the Quay Street end. To access Woodbridge Prep School or churchyard for parking, you should be able to safely come in from the Market Square end in this instance.

Fairtrade for Woodbridge are having a stall at the Market, opposite the old Global Trading building in Quay Street, and **St Mary's Shop** are providing a raffle prize of a Fairtrade Hamper.

**INSIDE OUT** – our latest edition will be ready for distribution **this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Please bring a bag to collect any bundles that you can deliver within the parish please. As usual, the bundles will be organised into road names. Thank you for your help.

**THIS SUNDAY EVENING at 5.30pm** we are holding a special evening service of meditation, song & prayer – an **'Advent Pilgrimage.'** Scripts have been given out in advance, to all taking part! We will be using the sanctuary area & front pews only, to create the best 'ambience'.



**WOODBIDGE LIGHTS NIGHT & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING** – Huge thanks to Jackie, Veronica & David in the Shop, and to Kirsten for the 'Danish' mulled wine! To our choirs taking part, and special thanks to the 'Zingy Singers' (after school club) at St Mary's Primary.



**'POP UP' CHOIR REHEARSAL** – following on from 'Come and Sing!' the 'Pop Up' Choir rehearsals will take place **after church THIS SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, Woodbridge, and then continue on:

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December after church**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**

**OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Thank you again to all our kind donors, stallholders & supporters. Also to Bob, Darrell & Romy for playing their 'own' instruments & seasonal music. To date, we have received the princely sum of £2,414.23. Well done all!

**“JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR”** – There are 20 tickets ‘sold’ for our Benefice Theatre Outing on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**, for the matinee performance at **2.30pm**. The maximum cost per person will be £36.50, and we hope to be able to confirm the actual cost shortly. We are full up now, so thank you for signing up.

**OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES** – a flyer showing dates and times of our Christmas services is available to take away, from the back of church (Woodbridge).

**ST MARY'S CHURCH SHOP** - In the Shop now we have a lovely selection of Advent calendars - including Divine chocolate ones - and the very popular Advent candles in both red and white versions. You can buy St Mary's very own Christmas card, together with a wide selection of other Christmas cards supporting a variety of charities. Fairly traded decorations are also on display and feature in our Christmas window. Come in and have a look round now and again - there is usually something new on our shelves!

**THE RED CHAIR PROJECT** is an initiative by '[Restored](#)' in conjunction with Women's Refuge, and supported by the Mothers' Union. **From Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November until 10<sup>th</sup> December** a Red Chair will be placed in St Mary's, Woodbridge – the idea being that it is in a place of visual importance for all to see, and to let individuals know that we support the cause of working to prevent domestic abuse against girls and women.

Please take time to look at the Mothers' Union notice board when you are in Church. We should also acknowledge that it's not only girls and women who experience domestic abuse, but also men, and usually at the hands of someone they know, such as a member of their family or a family friend.

**CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX** – as in previous years, the post box will be available in church from **this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December** for you to post your Christmas cards, until 15<sup>th</sup> December. Cards will then be sorted, and available for collection on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**ST NICHOLAS APPEAL FOR TOYS!** - We are again inviting your kind donation of **new toys** at our 10am Parish Eucharist **NEXT SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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).



**STAR-THEMED ‘MESSY ADVENT’** is on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

For our Bishops, Priests, & Deacons in our Diocese at the start of a new Christian year,  
and the Parishes and Chaplaincies they serve. For Sarah Quantrill, recently inducted at  
Kesgrave, Little Bealings, & Playford...

That this season of Advent will be a time of blessing, encouragement and peace amidst  
all the divisions and hurts in our world...

For our town of Woodbridge and hamlet of Great Bealings, our neighbours, families and  
friends...

Among the sick: Gill Notcutt, Andy McCullough...

Among the recently departed: Alicia Freeman, Denis Key, Lillias Sheepshanks, & Madge  
Fowler

### **COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works  
of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came  
to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the living  
and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
AMEN

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us  
faithful  
as we await the coming of your  
Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
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  
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