



THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 17th (St Patrick)

Inside Out, Issue 10, arrives ready for sorting and distribution. **Please bring a bag on Sunday to take home bundles to distribute.** Thank you in advance!

SATURDAY 18th

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 19th (4th of Lent; Mothering Sunday)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, with posies given out by the Guides.
<https://youtube.com/live/Ejdg5il7aoc>
10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**, led by Alison Wintgens

MONDAY 20th (Joseph of Nazareth)

08.45 'Pop Up Coffee' at **St Mary's Primary** for parents in a hurry!

TUESDAY 21st (Thomas Cranmer)

10.30 Communion at **Seckford Chapel**
10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**
17.15 Meditation Group in **SMH**
19.00 Bellringers' practice, for 'learners & returners,' with general practice commencing at **19.30**
19.30 4th Lent Meeting on 'Journeys', **Woodbridge**, at West End of St Mary's, followed by Compline. All welcome.

THURSDAY 23rd March

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.30 Warm Room 'Happy Toaster Project', **SMH**. Please support!
12.00 to 13.30 4th 'Churches Together' Lent Lunch, **SMH** (Hosted by St Thomas') (£4 donation). Please support.
12.30 Funeral service for Bob Tate, **All Saints', Kesgrave**
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**
19.00 Fabric Committee Meeting, **Seckford Room**

FRIDAY 24th

11.30 Grove Court Communion
14.00 Funeral of Ian Kegel, **St John's**

SATURDAY 25th (The Annunciation to the BVM)

09.00 Elders' Mass, **Woodbridge**
11.00 Lent Book 'chat & coffee', **SMH**
19.00 King's College School Concert, **Woodbridge** (see details below)

SUNDAY 26th (5th of Lent; Passiontide begins)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, with posies given out by the children. Please take a poster away this Sunday!
17.30 Choral Evensong, **Woodbridge** (see details below)

NOTICES

EASTER SINGING - Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to get involved in the “pop-up” choir again for the Easter Vigil on the evening of **Saturday 8th April** and on **Easter Sunday** morning, both in Woodbridge. The music will be accessible to all, whether you read music or not. To learn the music there will be singalongs after the morning eucharists in Woodbridge on **19th & 26th March** and **2nd April**; you could also come to choir practice, **6.30pm on Thursday 30th March**. On **Easter Eve** we will gather for a practice at **6pm** and share a meal together before the **service at 8pm**. Come when you can!

PILGRIM (FORMERLY STUDENT) CROSS - Members of the Essex Leg will be joining us for a short service in church around 5.30 p.m on Palm Sunday and then we shall offer a cooked two-course supper in St Mary's House. To make that work, the following are needed, please:

- 4 offers of practical help - setting tables, cooking, serving, clearing up, etc.
- a fruit bowl - approx 20 pieces of fruit - apple, bananas, oranges
- 5 puddings/desserts for 6 people
- cash donations for main courses, etc.

Please sign up for these at the back of the church on 19th or 26th March!

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON, CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT – Saturday 25th March in **St Mary's, Woodbridge** at **7.30pm**. Handel, Mozart, Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Parry, Bruckner... Retiring collection for the Friends' of St Mary's

CHORAL EVENSONG - The choir are preparing a Sung Evensong for **Passion Sunday** (also marking the feast of the Annunciation), **5.30pm** on **26th March**. This will be directed by Jennie Cassidy. Music will be from the 16th century and will include Palestrina and Tallis. It will be a reflective occasion in this season of Lent.

OUR HOLY WEEK programme is now out! As you know, Brother Marc Voase will be with us throughout to preach, serve, and counsel all who would value his company and time. To help us all prepare, in **Great Bealings and Woodbridge**, there is a helpful article entitled 'A good Holy Week' by Stephen Cottrell, former Bishop of Chelmsford, now Archbishop of York, which will be attached to the emailed e-News (or ask for a printed copy from the Parish Office). It takes away our fears in order to celebrate the different and distinctive 'mood' of each day, and how the different liturgies embrace each one. This also links with our forthcoming discussion on Saturday over coffee in SMH. All welcome.

FRIDAYS are traditionally FAST days in Lent. As well as keeping this Friday meat- and alcohol-free, try having no coffee or chocolate as well! Why not put what you save in your Lenten Kagera jar or box?

LAST WEEK'S 'MESSY CHURCH' – a huge thank you to all our parents and helpers and children who 'sprang into Lent' in such creative and enjoyable ways.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH SHOP has recently been discussed at our PCC, and the way forward is to be a new shared 'managing' role, for those who would like to be more 'hands on' and keep the FAIRTRADE flag flying. Please have a confidential word with Fr Nigel or Veronica if you feel called to help in whichever way.



CORONATION PRAYER BOOKS – will be available from the Church shop for £1.50 donation, from **Sunday 26th March** onwards, and in both Churches on Easter Sunday.

A NEW BLUE PLAQUE was revealed last week in Church Street (next to the Rectory) in honour of Carmelite nun and stained-glass artist, Margaret Agnes Rope, (1882 – 1953). This is the second

woman to be honoured by the Woodbridge Society in this way – hurrah!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY? 3rd Woodbridge Brownies are on the lookout for one or two new Brownie Helpers or Leaders to join their team! Their Unit takes part in lots of fun activities, from crafts to camps, first aid to farm visits - they are a very adventurous bunch! Don't worry if you've never volunteered with Girlguiding before - They would love to hear from you.

Whatever your previous experience of Girlguiding, as a volunteer (and subject to the recruitment checks) you'll meet new people, gain skills and do something good for you and your community. (If working with Rainbows or Rangers is more your preference, please let them know!) If you are interested, please register your interest at:

[Become a volunteer | Girlguiding](#) or get in touch with Veronica Howe or Jessica Shire.

OUR ANNUAL REPORT has to be prepared for the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) and all who report on their own area of expertise are kindly asked to submit them **by Friday, 31st March**, to allow sufficient time for checking, collation and printing. Specific invitations have been sent out. We look forward to reading them.

SOCIAL EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR - Wanted: a person (or persons) to take our social/fund-raising activities forward. To find out more, do speak to Veronica, or give your name to Linda in the Parish Office.

EASTER LILIES - There is the opportunity again this year to remember loved ones with a 'named lily'. They will cost £4 each, and you can ask for one or more names to go on one lily. Please order as follows:

Place cash in an envelope and seal it. On the outside, please print clearly:

FROM: *(Your own name)*;

CONTACT TEL NO. or MOBILE or E-MAIL;

IN MEMORY OF: *(Exact name of the person or people remembered)*;

CASH ENCLOSED: £*(Amount)*

Please push your sealed envelope well into the Shop letterbox **by Friday 31st March**. If you cannot deliver it yourself, please let Linda know, and arrangements will be made to collect it from you.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 27th March** – Woodbridge Orchestral Society 'Bohemia & Beyond' concert at **Woodbridge Methodist Church** at **7.30pm**. Brahms, Smetana, Janacek, Enescu, Liszt...
- **Wednesday 29th March** – Woodbridge School Spring Concert in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**
- **Thursday 30th March** – Reception of Tony Hubbard's coffin into St Mary's at 5pm. All welcome to this short time of prayer & thanksgiving.
- **Friday 31st March** – Funeral of Tony Hubbard, **St Marys, Woodbridge** at **12.30pm**
- **Friday 31st March** – French Evening, **St Mary's, Great Bealings**, at **7pm**
- **Saturday 1st April** – Woodbridge Choral Society concert 'A German Requiem' (Brahms) in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, at **7pm**. Tickets £17, available [here](#).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Diocesan Prayer Diary: The Colneys Deanery. For all Mums and Grandmas, and all who support family life.

For those mothers in countries where there is inadequate maternity care, especially in Kagera.
For those who are struggling to feed their children or get them adequate medical care.

For peace in the world, food for the hungry, and justice for the oppressed

For our teachers, railway workers, and doctors...

Among the sick,

Among the recently departed, for Bob Tate, Tony Hubbard, & Ian Kegel. May God welcome them into His glorious kingdom where the angels sing.

For Mary, Mother of our Lord, and Queen of Heaven. Pray for us.

COLLECT

(PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of
Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole
human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your
presence to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the
breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the
food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your
goodness
to grow in grace within the household
of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

Readings for Sunday 26th March

5th of Lent; Passiontide begins

8am & 10am

Ezekiel 37. 1-4

John 11. 1-45

5.30pm

Exodus 4. 1-23

Mark 15. 22-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

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

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