



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 14th (St Matthias, Apostle)

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom – All welcome. Email Veronica for details vhowe22@yahoo.co.uk

SUNDAY 15th (Easter 4)

8.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
(livestream link: <https://youtu.be/PUv3b7E1ekg>), followed by **Choir Anthem practice** for the Platinum Jubilee, and **Standing Committee Meeting** in the Small Hall
10.30 Morning Prayer, **Gt Bealings**
17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**, followed by our Elders' Meeting

TUESDAY 17th

17.15 Meditation Group in SMH (and via Zoom)
19.30 Bellringers practice
19.30 Annual Election of Churchwardens, followed by Parochial Church Meeting, in SMH

THURSDAY 19th

10.00 Said Eucharist
18.30 Choir Practice with Sarah Dodds

FRIDAY 20th

15.00 Memorial service for Janet Kersey, followed by reception in SMH

SATURDAY 21st

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom – All welcome. Email Veronica for details vhowe22@yahoo.co.uk
12.00 to 14.00 Open Meeting: Woodbridge welcomes Ukraine, in SMH
14.30 Thanksgiving service for Mike McKaughan (former Deputy Head of the "Abbey" School, as it was known)

SUNDAY 22nd (Easter 5, Rogation Sunday)

8.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
17.30 Said Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

Readings for Sunday 22nd May

Acts 16. 9-15

John 5. 1-9

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

Risen Christ, your words declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:

Give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father
AMEN.

NOTICES

NEXT ELDERS' MEETING – this will take place after Evening Prayer on **Sunday 15th May**.

STEWARDS - We are looking to resume our 'staffing of the church' for the summer. This means being in the church for a couple of hours (with your book, newspaper or laptop, if you wish) to smile and answer any questions that visitors may have. You are not expected to be an architectural or liturgical whizz, but just to help if needed. If you haven't read it, our (blue) church guide is a handy starting point, or indeed the folded 'Welcome' sheet.

If you are able to offer session(s), please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church or have a word with Veronica. The rota is compiled on a monthly basis and we are planning to start from **16th May**.

INSIDE OUT – We are looking to find an entrepreneurial person who could become our **Advertising Secretary** because our costs are very high. At the moment we have only two regular advertisers, and we very much want to encourage more support from local businesses. Our advertising rates are posted on our website, so do please get in touch with Rita James or Fr Nigel.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - nomination forms for Churchwarden and PCC are now at the back of the church. If you would like to serve in either capacity (the latter is a 5-year term), please complete forms and return to the Benefice office by **midday on Tuesday 17th May**, with a Proposer and a Secunder. We meet at 7.30pm in SMH. All welcome.

ST MARY'S FOCUS GROUP CHURCH CRAWL – this is restarting on **Friday June 17th**. Meet at the Grundisburgh Dog for a pre-booked lunch at 12 noon followed by a visit to the church at 2pm, guided by Roy Tricker, which will end with Compline. Lunch is optional, but please contact Anna Ashton on 01394 384299 or email ashton.am@gmail.com **by May 22nd** if you would like to partake.

SINGING SAFARI CONCERT – **Saturday 28th May at 7.30pm** - Come on a journey of song with a pop-up choir of Woodbridge singers created especially for this one-off concert. **Voices in harmony** will be a concert of exquisite and enchanting harmony singing. Tickets are £8 (£3 under 16s) and will be on sale in early May. Buy on-line at www.chrisrowbury.com or phone Chris on 01394 610 486. Some tickets may be available on the door. There will be a retiring collection for the Disasters Emergency Committee's humanitarian appeal for Ukraine.

ELECTORAL ROLL – no further applications can be taken for this year, but the revised roll is now available to view in the Parish Office.

CHURCHES TOGETHER – With Penny Bird stepping down (as one of just two representatives) on behalf of St Mary's PCC we are looking for someone to fill her 'ecumenical shoes.' It is vital that we play our part in / amongst the town's various denominations and faith groups. Please have a word with Barbara Stear or Fr Nigel if you would like to be considered/encouraged. At last week's meeting there was a presentation by CAP (Christians Against Poverty) & Debt Relief, for which we are seeking an Ambassador for CTWA (Churches Together in the Woodbridge Area).



ANTHEM FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE - The Royal School of Church Music has produced a new anthem, and we would like to sing it at the service on **Sunday 5th June**. Sarah will stay around in the church after the Eucharists on **15th and 29th May** to teach it to anyone who would like to be involved. Anyone who likes singing is welcome to join in: young or young only at heart; you don't have to be able to read music, though if you do you can also participate in that way too.

GREAT BEALINGS have more Platinum celebrations planned including:

Pealathon - 5 minute bell-ringing slots for individuals and families on **Saturday 4th** 2-4pm; **Sunday 5th** 9-9.30am - before the church service at 9.30, and afterwards 10.30-11.30am - with Village Hall party starting at 12.00. Instant training on the spot, photo taken, and a possible escorted visit to bell tower. Sign-up list in church, or email Norman Porter nhp@rillcott.co.uk please. Let the newly restored bells ring out in celebration across the valley of The Lark! Bunting and flags will be in place!

Floral tributes. The church will have flower displays for the Sunday service, but we invite all in Gt Bealings to take along some kind of floral tribute, with a regal message, to be left in the porch, or some other undecorated corner of the church.

A special book will be left in the back of the church for people to write up their memories of the Queen, their thoughts about her reign, tributes etc.

ROYAL CAFÉ – Please sign up TODAY on the sheets at the back of St Mary's, Woodbridge, if you are available to help in any way over the four days of our Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival, **Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June**. The more volunteers, the merrier.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - starts **this Sunday, 15th-21st May**. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church for those who don't get one through their letterbox this week. Envelopes can be returned to the church shop, church collections, or Tony Waller, who will have a card reader at the 10am Eucharists this Sunday and next. Please give generously. There are so many desperate situations in Africa, Ukraine and across the world. Most fundraisers are Christian. The Aid is delivered solely according to need. You can contact Tony on anjwaller@uwclub.net or ring 01394 386786. Many thanks.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – We would like to swell the numbers a little for our day pilgrimage on **Saturday 16th July**, so please do sign up on our list as soon as possible. This also applies to our friends at Great Bealings. You will be well looked after.

TOWN COUNCIL / CHURCHES TOGETHER – Open Meeting: Woodbridge welcomes Ukraine, on **Saturday 21st May** at 12pm to 2pm in SMH for all prospective hosts as well as anyone who has specialist advice on jobs, education, transport, language, counselling... All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH – We will be hosting our next Benefice “Messy” Church from 11.30am to 1pm on **Sunday 12th June** in Great Bealings, followed by a picnic lunch in the beautiful churchyard.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For all our preparations to celebrate HM the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and Ethiopia

For our Town Council and the election for a new Town Mayor (Tuesday 17th May)

Among the sick for: Hazel Blewitt and Penny Bird

Among the departed: Jill Ganzoni, Christopher Woods and Sylvia Bennett

N.B. This e-News is also posted on the Home page of our website (below). So is the sermon (usually)!

Please contact the Benefice Office for all Baptism, Wedding and Funeral enquiries, and enquiries regarding bookings for the church or St Mary’s House.

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Parish Office Opening Hours are Tuesday 12-4pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-2pm