



Our Benefice church family is welcoming and inclusive to all. We aim to reach and serve our communities and work lovingly in friendship and partnership. Together, we ‘travel with’ our Lord faithfully and sacramentally.

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 25th

11.30 Communion at **Grove Court**
17.30 Building Project Panel, **Seckford Room**

SATURDAY 26th (St Cedd, 664)

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 27th (Last after Trinity; Bible Sunday)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

MONDAY 28th (SS Simon & Jude, Apostles)

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**. All welcome.

TUESDAY 29th

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy’s Pantry, **SMH**
10.30 Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**
17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**. All welcome.
19.30 Bellringers’ practice

THURSDAY 31st

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by coffee
18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 2nd November

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 3rd (All Saints)

09.30 Festival Eucharist, **Great Bealings**
11.00 Festival Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
16.00 ‘Pride in Heritage’ Event, **Great Bealings** (ticket only, see details below)
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

TODAY’S Readings
Sunday 27th October
(Last after Trinity)
Hebrews 7. 23-end
John 5.36b-end

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 3rd November
(All Saints)
Revelation 21. 1-6a
John 11. 32-44

NOTICES

ADVENT BOOK – Copies of ‘The Love That Moves The Sun’ by Paul Dominiak (Canterbury Press) are now available (along with Advent Calendars) in our Shop. If you would like to buy a copy and read it in your own time, we can all meet up to discuss and share our thoughts over a coffee & sandwich lunch on **Saturday 14th December** from **10am to 12.30pm** in the **Seckford Room in St Mary’s House**.

BIBLE SUNDAY - If you would like to find a guide to help with reading the Bible, there are a range of different types of Bible reading notes currently available at the back of the church. Please help yourself to any of them. More information can be found on the [BRF website](#) or contact Sandra Schur on 01394 380544 or sandraschur@btinternet.com who can obtain various options for you.

‘PRIDE IN HERITAGE’ EVENT in **St Mary’s, Great Bealings** on **Sunday 3rd November** at 4pm to celebrate the wonderful church building and the people who have helped to make it what it is. Tickets (free) are limited to 100 & will automatically go into a Prize Draw. If you have any kind of link with this beautiful village church, and wish to support it into the future, please contact Norman Porter, Churchwarden (nhp@rillcott.co.uk).

ALL SOULS’ DAY this year will be celebrated as a united Benefice on **Thursday 7th November** at **7.30pm** in St Mary’s, Woodbridge. Please write the names of departed loved ones you wish to be remembered ASAP in either of our Churches. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS, as each name will be read out publicly.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – On **10th November** Our united Benefice Eucharist will be a Said one at **9.30am** and coffee served (with help from our Guides) from **10am** in **St Mary’s House**, to warm us all up before going to our (different) Acts of Remembrance in Woodbridge or Great Bealings.

A SINGAPORE EVENING in aid of our Building Project Appeal, will be held on **Saturday 16th November** at **7pm**. Tickets are £20 each, available from the Church Shop, and Helena Lim-Poole will be our chef for the evening. It will be a buffet-style meal so you can sample different dishes (some vegetarian options available). There will be a raffle and donation bar.

NEXT FRIENDS’ EVENT is on **Sunday 17th November** at **3pm**, entitled ‘Embassies, Palaces & Abbeys – a life of service’ featuring **Sir Stephen Lamport**, former diplomat, Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, and Receiver General of Westminster Abbey, in conversation with Nick Young. This should be a very interesting evening, so please come along, and invite your friends to join us. As usual, there will be a donation bar and a parting collection in aid of the church building.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mary Hodge who has gone to great lengths to update the 'Icons of Stone' booklet about the Seven Sacraments Font in St Mary's Woodbridge, which is available at the back of the church and in our Church Shop for £2.50.

OUR CHRISTMAS MARKET will take place in the church on **Saturday 30th November**, from **3pm to 5pm**. More details of the variety of stalls and how you can help will follow in due course. Please speak to Michelle or Alison Wintgens in the meantime.

COFFEE ROTA - A very nice way of being involved on a Sunday is helping once a month with the coffee after the service and the bonus is that everyone appreciates you! We're looking for new people to join our trusty band of volunteers and would love to hear from you if you're interested. Please call Caroline if you'd like to help on 01394 387848, or speak to her or Michelle after church.

MAKING A WILL - Please take a 'Church Legacy' leaflet from the back of church if you haven't already? This is just as important as our belonging to our regular Parish Giving Scheme (please ask Sarah Lines or any of our sides people for further details) whereby our weekly/monthly commitment to give is reviewed and increased as and when. Thank you all for your generosity to the continuing life and witness of our Christian presence in Woodbridge. As Herb Mather said, "It is a spiritual discipline that reminds us who we are and whose we are."

OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS (in aid of our Building Project Appeal) are now on sale in the Church Shop at £4 per pack of 10. Two different designs, courtesy of Rosemary Wood.

ASSISTED DYING BILL – Further articles are displayed at the west end of St Mary's, Woodbridge with particular concerns raised by professional clinicians and specialists in palliative care. If you feel their voices should be heard, please write to your MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL – With news of a new disaster unfolding in Lebanon, Christian Aid has supplied a [special link](#) if you are able to make any kind of donation. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE to wish Linda in the Parish Office well for her operation on 8th November. She will be away from the office until 26th November, so Fr Nigel will be seeking some voluntary help, please, to keep everything on track – or, at least, some things!!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

- We give thanks for the opportunities to read and study the Word of God; to reflect upon the riches of Scripture and all who teach and write to 'bring them alive' for us today.
- For all on half term this coming week and for some quality family time and rest.
- We pray for all victims of current wars in Ukraine and the Middle East; for the Disasters Emergency Committee working closely with Christian Aid.

- Among the sick: John Sanderson, Mags Harper, Penny Bird, Liz Pryke, Bertie Fried, Pippa McCullough & Bridget Fairley
- Among the departed: Clare Appleby (Woodbridge Lodge)

COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest
them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.
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 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am to 12.30pm, and Thursdays & Fridays 9am to 4pm

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