

# **UNITED BENEFICE e-NEWS**

24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 St Bartholomew (Trinity 10)

Three of our faithful Elders, Veronica, Alison, and Rita, will be recommissioned after the Gospel reading. Please stay for assorted ices(!) afterwards, when FN will give a speedy talk through concerning our new Appeal Display Boards.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August

11.30 Communion at Grove Court18.00 Building Oversight Group Meeting,Nick Cottam's house

**SATURDAY 23**<sup>rd</sup> **09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom** 

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> (Bartholomew the Apostle) 08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge 10.00** Parish Eucharist, with Elders (Rita, Veronica & Alison D) Recommissioning, **Woodbridge** 

TUESDAY 26th

17.00 Christian Meditation, Epiphany Chapel, St Mary's Woodbridge
19.00 New Learners' bellringing, followed by Bellringers' Practice
19.30 Extraordinary PCC Meeting, SMH (tbc)

THURSDAY 28th

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge 10.00-15.30** Quiet Day, St Mary's, Gt Bealings

SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom 13.00** Wedding of Miri Salter & James Buchanan, **Woodbridge** 

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> (Trinity 11)

o8.00 BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge

10.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge

12.00-16.00 Bealings Summer Fete & Dog
Show, Bealings Village Hall. Lots to
enjoy!

TODAY'S Readings Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew

Isaiah 43. 8-13 (Luke 22. 24-30)

Readings for NEXT WEEK Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August Trinity 11

Jeremiah 2. 4-13 (Luke 14.1, 7-14)

## **NOTICES**

**THANK YOU** to all you supported the 'Afternoon Tea at the Rectory' las week, to Janet for making all the bread, and to Fr Nigel and Liz for hosting. A total of £405 was donated towards our Building Project Appeal.

**ST MARY'S HOUSE** – We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst St Mary's House remains closed. We are currently waiting on an appointment with a plumber to come along next week and fix the water leak. In the meantime only the Shop will remain open, and all toilets will remain closed. The Bull Inn and The King's Head have kindly agreed their toilets can be used by members of the congregation on Sunday, if needed.

**BENEFICE QUIET DAY** – 14 have signed up so far. It would be great to get up to 20 people. See leaflets for further details.

A SPECIAL CONCERT will take place in **St Mary's Woodbridge** on **5th September** at **6pm**. Thirty-six invited singers, some from as far afield as the USA and Australia, will come together to present a programme of music by composers from the east of England and the near continent, all born around the beginning of the 16th century.

The conductor will be Eamonn Dougan, deputy director of The Sixteen. The music will include the mass 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' by Pierre de Manchicourt and the monumental 'Peccavimus cum patribus' of Christopher Tye. The group, which calls itself 'The Woodbridge Music Party', has been put together by the London music promoter Andrew van der Beek, who grew up in near Woodbridge in Easton, where his father was rector. His work now takes him all over Europe and even to the Caribbean, but he says. "it will be a great treat to return to Suffolk, where I first acquired a taste for early music, to sing in the wonderful church of St Mary and to have the chance to visit some of my old haunts'.

There will be a retiring collection towards our Building Project Appeal.

**SUFFOLK HAS OVER 500 churches** - Please support the annual 'Ride & Stride' on **Saturday 13**<sup>th</sup> **September** from **9am to 5pm**. Sponsor forms available from Jonathan Keer (Great Bealings) on 07962 114378 or Tony Waller (Woodbridge) on 01394 386786 or anjwaller@uwclub.net). Woodbridge have 3 riders/striders so far.



A couple more would be good. We also need recorders for which there is a signing up sheet at the back of church. One-hour slots from 9am-5pm. Recorders may seek sponsors too.

BENEFICE PATRONAL FESTIVAL on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Mary's, Great Bealings at 11am, followed by a bring 'n' share buffet in the churchyard. Please sign up on the list at the back of both churches. There will be a 'donation' bar. No services in Woodbridge!

A PUBLIC NOTICE has been posted on our internal and external noticeboards re Faculty Application for new entrance pier gates and rebuilding of Churchyard (south) boundary wall in Woodbridge. Further details from Fr Nigel or David Sharples.

**TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE COMES TO WOODBRIDGE** on **Tuesday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **September** at **11am.** The cyclists are leaving from Quay street outside the Crown Hotel and will be riding up Church Street past St Mary's Church and the Shire Hall, turning right in front of the Wild Strawberry Café onto Theatre Street, and leaving Woodbridge via Theatre Street and Grundisburgh Road. Our **Bellringers** have been asked to ring out in encouragement and celebration from 11am.

**OUR THANKS** to Bob Pegnall for playing the organ, and to Romy and Daryl for their music after the homily and during Communion.

#### **AMONG YOUR PRAYERS**

(Intercessors, please <u>click here</u> for the Diocesan Prayer Diary)

#### **COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK**

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew
grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church may love that word
which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the
same;
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**

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of
your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

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