



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday after Ascension; 7<sup>th</sup> of Easter)**

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

**10.30** Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings**

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

**12.00** Woodbridge 10K race, finishing on the market square

(Livestream link:

<https://youtube.com/live/vrRRlz7tLPk>)

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

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**08.30** 'Pop up' coffee at **St Mary's CE Primary**

**10.00** Time to Reflect, **SMH**

**18.00** 'Friends' Meeting, **Seckford Room, SMH**

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.30-14.00** Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**

**17.00** Meditation Group in **Seckford Room, SMH**

**19.00** Choir Committee Meeting, **XXX**

**19.30** Bellringers' practice

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> (St Bede)**

**08.45** Woodbridge Prep School Assembly, **Woodbridge**

**10.00** Said Benefice Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by coffee in **SMH**

**12.00** Funeral for Chris Bates, **Woodbridge**

**18.30** Full Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Pentecost)**

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

**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**. **Don't forget to wear something RED!!**

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

**Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
(Feast of Pentecost)**

Acts 2. 1-21

1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13

John 20. 19-23

## NOTICES

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** – Thank you to everyone from Great Bealings and Woodbridge who have contributed to date. It is still possible to [give online here](#), or envelopes are still available in our churches, to be returned this week, to the Parish Office please. There are also Christian Aid devotional books to take away, focusing on Malawi this year. Our thanks to Tony Waller for his meticulous organising!



**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS** – Please take your copy home today if you missed it last week. Our congratulations to all those newly elected, and especially for our Churchwardens, Veronica, David & Norman. We also welcome a new PCC Secretary at Woodbridge, Cath Eaden, and a new Deanery Synod representative, Patricia Ford. Our next PCC at Woodbridge is on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, and next PCC at Great Bealings on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

**NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR** – This salaried post is now being advertised via our church website and Diocesan e-News, so please spread the word. Wider advertising and networking will be necessary if we have no takers! Ideally, we are looking for local talent to join our music team, and informal enquiries can now be made, and are encouraged, to Fr Nigel or Sarah, before any formal interviews.

**THE FORMER ST MARY'S FOCUS GROUP** members still meet once a year for a Church Crawl led by Roy Tricker. This year the date is **Friday June 23rd at Ufford Church**, by kind permission of Fr Paul Hambling, meeting there at 2.30pm. If you are interested please email or phone by **May 23rd** either Anna Ashton [ashton.am@gmail.com](mailto:ashton.am@gmail.com) 01394 384299 or Margaret Lowe [margaret.lowe1@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.lowe1@btinternet.com) 01394 383486

**THE BIG SUFFOLK PRAYER WALK** is on **19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May**, hosted by Suffolk in Prayer and Ipswich in Prayer to encourage people all across our county to unite together in times of prayer. You can follow local routes and maps, or very simply pray as you do your daily walk or pop to the shops. Those less mobile are encouraged to join in at home, praying over maps or photographs of their local area, and there are lots of resources and information to help you join in [here](#).

**MOTHERS' UNION 'CREAM TEA'** is on **Thursday 8th June** at **2.15pm** in **SMH**  
Tickets are £5 pp and are available from either Jane Cole, Margaret Lowe or Rachel Jolley. (Proceeds from this event are for the work of the MU at Home and Overseas).  
It would be lovely to see you and support this good cause.

**WOODBIDGE SUMMER FAIR** – This will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** (for your diaries). Please have a word with the Parish Office if you are able to help with its formation and planning, and then we can involve our wider Parish family.

**FACEBOOK** – Please keep the ‘conversation’ going with your photos and comments on different church events, and ‘click’ on your favourite emoji...

**OUR NEXT QUARTERLY MAGAZINE** – is needing a little more detail, especially ‘what’s coming up’ for our ‘Parish Pump’ section. Please forward to the Parish Office **by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** any June to August happenings!



‘Pardon the weeds, we’re feeding the bees’ : Photo courtesy of Janice Poulson

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the Church of England across Suffolk, our Parishes and People – as we await the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to refresh, renew, and redirect us...

For our Government and Nation, especially those newly elected to our Town Councils with challenging economic and funding choices, especially in education and mental health...

For Christian Aid field workers across the globe, and all who bring hope to the hungry in Yemen, Bangladesh, Sudan and Somalia...

Among the recently departed: for Sharon Clarke, Alan Harries, Chris Bates, & Joan Watkins

### COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not  
comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to  
strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our  
Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into  
all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we  
proclaim;  
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-12.30pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9am to 4pm

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