



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 4th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 5th (Easter 6)

09.30 Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

11.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

15.30 Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Churchwardens, **St Eds Cathedral**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

MONDAY 6th

May Day Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 7th

N.B. No Poppy's Pantry today

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

19.00 Bellringers' practice

WEDNESDAY 8th

18.00 Friends' Committee meeting, **Seckford Room**

THURSDAY 9th (Ascension Day; and beginning of 'Thy Kingdom Come')
Please come along to any of these services:

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.30 Extended Communion at **Haughgate House**

11.15 Extended Communion at **Woodbridge Lodge**

14.15 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, **Woodbridge**

18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

FRIDAY 10th

11.30 Extended Communion at **Grove Court**

SATURDAY 11th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 12th (Easter 7)

Start of Christian Aid Week

08.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

18.00 Standing Committee, **Seckford Room**

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 5th May
(Easter 6)
Acts 10. 44-end
1 John 5. 1-6

***Evening Prayer:**
Psalm 45
Song of Solomon 4. 16-5.2; 8. 6-7
Revelation 3. 14-end

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 12th May
(Sunday after Ascension)
(Easter 7)
Acts 1. 16-17, 21-end
1 John 5. 9-13

NOTICES

VERONICA is stepping down as Churchwarden after two 'terms of office' and dedicated service. If you would like to contribute to a present for her, please be in touch with the Parish Office with your 'thank you' gift ASAP.

BEALINGS' SPRING PLANT SALE has raised £3,300 to date, so thank you to everyone who supported. The proceeds will be split between the Churches in Great & Little Bealings for their fabric funds. Special thanks to organiser Caroline Saunders. Well done!

POPPY'S PANTRY 'POP UP' CAFÉ – There will be no café on **Tuesday 7th May**, but Poppy's Pantry will return the following week.

MOTHERS' UNION - our next meeting, plus Branch Communion, will be on Ascension Day **Thursday 9th May at 2:15pm**. Our talk this month will be on 'Being a Prison Visitor' by Pauline Bowbrick. All are welcome. Also, tickets are now available for our **June 13th 'Cream Tea' afternoon**, starting time of 3:00pm, priced at £5.00 per person from either Anne Wright, Margaret Lowe, Jean Cobb or Pauline Bowbrick.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be held on **Tuesday 14th May at 7pm** in **SMH**, and all members of our Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend and vote.

CHURCH RECORDERS – the new five-volume set has arrived in the Parish Office, and is fantastic! Please make an appointment with Linda, to view in the Seckford Room.

VIOLIN RECITAL – Eliza Burkitt (violin) with Daniel Law (piano) showcasing works by Kala Ramnath, Ysaye, Coleridge-Taylor and Sarasate, on **Sunday 19th May at 3pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**. Retiring collection, with proceeds to be shared between Friends of St Mary's and the musicians themselves.

PCC VACANCIES - There are currently three five-year Woodbridge vacancies and up to three 'casual' vacancies, each of two years, available, plus one two-year slot as one of our three representatives on the Deanery Synod. Please talk to any current PCC member or either Churchwarden for further information. Nomination papers for PCC and Deanery Synod roles are available from Parish Office or from Veronica. We need you!

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA - AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE - There is currently a vacancy for someone to join the 4th Sunday team or become a 'reserve'. The rota operates on 2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Sundays. To find out more, talk to anyone 'on duty' and/or pass your name to Janet Symons, Veronica Howe or Caroline Hawksley. This is a really good way to get to know more people!

“THY KINGDOM COME” Prayer Journals will be given out on Sunday (one per household) for both Woodbridge and Great Bealings for this time of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost, which we hope you will value using at home. One per household, courtesy of the tea & coffee fund!



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is 12th to 18th May this year. As last year Churches Together will be delivering envelopes to most letter boxes in the Woodbridge area. No going back to collect. Slips in the envelopes will explain how to give anonymously via [our dedicated page online](#) or to where to return donations in envelopes. If you would like to help by delivering some envelopes

or by sitting somewhere warm doing preparatory work please ring Tony Waller on 01394386786 or email anjwaller@uwclub.net

NEW ‘SOCIAL’ COORDINATOR is needed, please, for our **Summer Fair on 6th July** now... so that a first meeting of volunteers can be organised. This is the fourth time of asking!!

NEW PLANS FOR ST MARY’S HOUSE & CHURCH - Please have a good look around our Architect’s plans and display... and take an accompanying in-house leaflet explaining our hopes for both historic buildings, subject of course, to different Planning permissions. They will be located in the foyer of SMH from this Friday onwards.

Please [click here](#) to see the huge variety of possible Trusts available to us nationally, which our PCC will be researching soon, or even earlier!

We are planning to launch a public Appeal: from Sunday June 30th onwards, by which time we will have a clearer picture of total costs - and the exciting challenges ahead! (Rector & Church Wardens)

LIVING IN FAITH & LOVE – Please see separate attachment / poster for this important 5-week Benefice course, to be held in **St Mary’s, Woodbridge**. All welcome.

GREAT BEALINGS APCM – Our warmest and huge thanks were given to Eric Barnett who ‘stood down’ as PCC Secretary after some 24 years! Bridget Tanno has kindly agreed to take his place.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

In these last days of Eastertide, we pray for God's blessing on both our Churches, especially those taking on new roles at PCC or Deanery level...

For those newly elected in our local Elections and all who serve on our Town Councils throughout Suffolk

For the urgent negotiations for a ceasefire in Gaza and all international Aid workers in Sudan and Ukraine

For our local surgeries and care homes, and among the sick: John Sanderson, Barbara Mellor, and Jennifer Workman

Among the recently departed: for Norma Cashmore, Janet Eaton, and Roberta Jones

COLLECT

(PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed
your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire
of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him 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

Usual Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am to 12.30pm, Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 4pm

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