



THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY 30th

11.30 Communion at **Grove Court**

SATURDAY 31st (St Aidan)

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

11.00 Baptism rehearsals

SUNDAY 1st September (Trinity 14)

N.B. No service at Great Bealings

11.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, including baptisms of Erin Shire and Luca Ostafie, and followed by ice cream, sherry & cake!

17.30 Evening Prayer, **St Mary's Woodbridge**. All welcome!

TUESDAY 3rd (St Gregory the Great)

10.00 – 14.30 Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**

10.30 Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**

11.30 Funeral of Geoffrey Rattle, **Woodbridge**

17.00 Christian Meditation, **SMH**

17.30 Building Project Oversight Group, **Seckford Room**

19.00 PCC Meeting, **SMH**

19.30 Bellringers' practice

WEDNESDAY 4th

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

THURSDAY 5th

10.00 Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by coffee

15.00 Session on our Grant Applications, **SMH**

18.30 Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

SATURDAY 7th

09.00 Morning Prayer via Zoom

SUNDAY 8th September (Trinity 15)

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

11.00 Benefice 'Patronal Festival,' **Great Bealings**, followed by bring 'n' share buffet & drinks in the churchyard. All welcome!

17.30 Evening Prayer, **St Mary's Woodbridge**

TODAY'S Readings
Sunday 1st September
(Trinity 14)
James 1. 17-end
Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday 8th September
(Trinity 15)
8AM:
James 2. 1-10, 14-17
Mark 7. 24-end

Patronal Festival:
Romans 8. 18-30
Luke 1. 26-38

NOTICES

THANK YOU to all who helped out with and supported our 'Garden' Party, which raised £2,200 for our St Mary's House & Church Building Project Appeal. In the picture - one of our patrons, William Nye, won 1st prize in our raffle! We are also very grateful to his in-laws, Martin & Penelope Bartlett, who kindly offered and prepared their beautiful garden for the event, before we had to relocate to St Mary's House due to the inclement weather.



DANCE CLASSES HELD IN THE HALL – Please note that from Saturday 31st August there will be children's dance classes (run by Dilys Dance Studio) taking place in the main hall at St Mary's House every Saturday morning, from 8.30am onwards.

'ICE CREAM SUNDAY' on 1st **September** is just for the children! There will also be sherry & cake for the adults, to celebrate two baptisms happening at our 11am Eucharist. Great!

JOINT BENEFICE PATRONAL FESTIVAL – On **Sunday 8th September** at **11am**, at **St Mary's, Great Bealings**, with St Mary's Choir directed by James Davy. Followed by our Benefice Bring 'n' Share Buffet & Drinks in the Churchyard. Bring a picnic chair and shades! Please sign up **TODAY** (including Choir Members) as numbers are needed **by 3rd September** (see sheets at back of both churches). Drinks provided - donations welcome. **N.B.** this 11am service replaces our usual 10am Woodbridge one, as it is the Feast of the Birth of the BVM.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT (have you seen the banner on the front of the Shire Hall?) begins on **Monday 9th September**. We are a Fairtrade Town! Fairtrade Woodbridge are hosting Fairtrade Kenyan tea grower, Patrick Kaberia, who will be visiting Woodbridge for a couple of hours on **Saturday 21st September**. All St Mary's Shop volunteers are invited to the Library to hear Patrick speak. Invitations are on the way!

MOTHERS' UNION - our next meeting is on **Thursday 12th September** at **2.15pm** in **SMH**. The talk will be on 'Guiding Memories' by Margaret Lowe. Followed by refreshments. You are very welcome, if free, to come and listen to what Margaret has to pass on with her many years of being part of the Guide movement.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE 2024 is on **Saturday 14th September** from **9am to 5pm**. We need volunteer riders and striders, and, above all, sponsors, please. Sponsor forms are available from the Parish Office, Jonathan Keer (jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk) or Tony Waller (anjwaller@uwclub.net or 01394 386786). Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Both of our churches are taking part, so please support those seeking sponsorship!

OUR BENEFICE QUIET DAY is on **18th September 2024** from **10am to 3.30pm** at **Framlingham College Pavilion** and is being led by Fr Brynn Bayman, Chaplain. We welcome our friends from Great Bealings to attend. There is more information and a sign-up sheet at the back of our churches. For any queries please contact Caroline Tel. 01394 387848. Poster available [here](#).

MUSICAL WEEKEND – Posters are out now advertising our special Musical Weekend **20th to 22nd September** at **Woodbridge, St Mary** in aid of our SMH and Church Building Project Appeal. It is deliberately coinciding and liaising with the inspiring '[Woodbridge Ambient Music Festival.](#)' Poster available [here](#). If you can help with our Bar on any of these days, please let us know via the Parish Office.

OUR NEXT CHORAL EVENSONG is on **Sunday 22nd September** at **6pm** in **St Mary's, Great Bealings**. We are delighted to welcome back the Jubilate Singers, conducted by Martyn Bagnall.

CHURCHYARD CLEARANCE, GREAT BEALINGS - Saturday 28th September 8.30am to 12.30pm. Volunteers needed, please - usual kit/machinery, bonfire skills needed – with mid-morning refreshments and ploughman's lunch, and finishing in time for people to get away to the afternoon's premiership football match! It's usually a fun, if strenuous morning, and very fulfilling. We'll need help with interior cleaning too, in readiness for our special concert the following evening.



ST MARY'S SHOP - Olive wood is quite special. Tactile, beautiful and each piece is unique. In the shop we sell olive wood holding crosses and hearts, standing crosses, and, at the moment, tea light holders. They are ideal small gifts to give to people to show you care. Please come and look!

CHRISTIAN AID WEBINAR & WORKSHOP – Have you ever had a question about peace in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory you've been too nervous to ask? You are invited online (for the webinar) at **7.30pm** on **Monday 17th September** if you [click here](#) to find out more and register.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

OUR APPEAL PRAYER

O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same unto the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through Him who for the finishing of Thy work, laid down His life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

(attributed to Sir Francis Drake)

- For peace in the Middle East
- For our PCC members, Architect & Advisers
- Among the sick: John Sanderson, Joyce Whale, Gill Notcutt, and Darrell Smith-Lyte
- Among the departed: Geoffrey Rattle

COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK)

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of
turning,
you give us every good and perfect
gift
and have brought us to birth by
your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that
kingdom
where your whole creation will be
made perfect
in 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

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