



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> (St Michael & All Angels)**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> (St Jerome)**

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

08.30-13.00 Churchyard working party,  
with coffee & Ploughman's Lunch  
provided, **Great Bealings**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October (Trinity 17)**

09.30 Harvest Thanksgiving Family  
Eucharist, **Great Bealings**

11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving Parish  
Eucharist, followed by coffee,  
**Woodbridge**

12.30 Drinks / Bar in **SMH**

13.00 Sit Down Lunch, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

09.30 KS1 St Mary's Primary Harvest  
Service, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**

18.00 Friends' Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bishop George Bell)**

10.30 Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**

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

17.00 Meditation Group, **SMH**

17.30 Governors' Development Meeting,  
**St Mary's Primary**

19.00 Bellringers' practice

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Communion at **Haughgate House**

11.15 Communion at **Woodbridge Lodge**

11.15 Woodbridge School Prep Harvest  
Service, **Woodbridge**

15.00 Church Shop meeting, **Seckford  
Room**

18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **SMH**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

11.30 Grove Court Communion

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

09.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom

10.00-16.00 Harvest Fair, **Whisstocks  
Place** (see details below\*)

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 18; Prisons Sunday)**

08.00 BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

10.00 Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**

17.30 Evening Prayer, **Woodbridge**

**TODAY'S Readings**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**(Harvest Thanksgiving)**  
**Deuteronomy 26. 1-11**  
**John 6. 25-35**

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**(Trinity 18; Prisons Sunday)**  
**Philippians 3. 4b-14**  
**Matthew 21. 33-36**

## NOTICES

**THE RECTOR'S NEW DAY OFF** is to be Monday instead of Wednesday. Please note!

**FORTHCOMING UKRAINIAN SOCIAL** – Unfortunately this (originally scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October) has had to be postponed, as it clashes with the Kesgrave Ukrainian Hub event. Thought is presently being given to combining Woodbridge and Kesgrave, so watch this space. Please have a word with Fr Nigel if anyone is thinking about being a prospective host.

**HARVEST FAIR\*** – Please support this Transition Woodbridge event in **Whisstocks Place** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, from **10am to 4pm**. Churches Together are having a stall again this year, to be joined by a separate stall which our Church Shop are putting on to promote our Fairtrade status. If you can help at all, please have a word with Jackie Shipley. It will be great to see you all there.

**'AN AFTERNOON WITH NICK YOUNG'** – Sir Nick Young's 13 years' running the British Red Cross took him to more than 100 countries, and a succession of high impact events. His book 'My Years with the British Red Cross' is a compelling account of that time, and we are delighted to have him as a Friends of St Mary's guest speaker on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at **3pm** in church (St Mary's, Woodbridge). Do join us if you can and hear his very personal account - and you will get the chance to ask a question if you have one. We hope to see you on the day when, as usual, the Friends of St Mary's will be serving refreshments and collecting donations for the church building, and for the Red Cross.

**ANTI-SLAVERY DAY** – Encouraged by the resources from the Clewer Initiative (which we studied together over Lent) we are keeping **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** to highlight modern slavery. Weather permitting, at the end of our Eucharist, we will all process to the tomb of abolitionist, John Clarkson, in our churchyard – for obvious reasons.

**BENEFICE QUIET DAY** - 'Whose Service is Perfect Freedom' – Finding Freedom in Knowing God - is on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 3pm** at **Brandeston Village Hall, IP13 7AH**. To book a place (& let us know if you will need a lift) please sign the list at the back of the church (Woodbridge). Cost: £12 in cash on the day Food: You will need to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**PCC TREASURER & PLANNED GIVING SECRETARY**– We are currently seeking two new volunteers for a smooth handover by the end of November, if at all possible. Please have a word with Phil Poole or Michael Holland, who are best placed to help with this, and indeed any enquiries you may have about what the different posts involve. Without these roles being filled, we are in serious trouble!

**'POP UP' CHOIR** – Dates are now fixed for Advent and Christmas Carol Services. If you want to join us, please have a word with Sarah Dodds as soon as possible. Our regular choir has recently agreed to offer a small financial contribution to school students who can join us for the occasional rehearsal and Sunday morning Eucharist. Again, please have a word with Sarah, or Sue Todd. Thank you. **P.S.** Please add a **CHORAL EVENSONG** to your diaries: **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm.**

**THANK YOU** to Rita James for livestreaming our Sunday services since the early days of the COVID pandemic, and being so conscientious. Both our own Cathedral and the Church of England website will continue to provide 'live' services. For those in our own Benefice who would like to receive Communion at home or, for a lift to be arranged to come to St Mary's, please be in touch with any of our wonderful team of Elders.

**THANK YOU** for all your HARVEST GIFTS for the Salvation Army Foodbank in Woodbridge. Great!

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

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

#### **COLLECT**

#### **(PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)**

God of all creation,  
give us a heart to be good stewards of what you have made.  
Give us the wisdom to use what you have provided us with for the  
benefit of all.

Give us the courage to stand firm when your creation is at risk.  
May we use what you have generously given us to be generous to  
others and to proclaim the Good News of your Kingdom.  
We ask this in the name of your Son our saviour, Jesus Christ.

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)

To contact the Rector, Fr Nigel Prior, please call 01394 610424 or email [rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:rector@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

**THIS WEEK** the Benefice Office will **ONLY** be open on Wednesday and Friday, from 9am to 4pm.

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# CHILDREN TAKING PART @ WOODBRIDGE ST MARY'S CHURCH



## WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL THINGS FOR YOU TO DO

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 11am - ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION

You will be making special tea lights and choosing your favourite saint; also, another chance to help with the prayers. Afterwards we would like to invite you to a Junior Church "Brunch" in St Mary's Hall.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11am - ADVENT SUNDAY

You can make your own Advent Wreath; light the big one in church, and help with the prayers and sing an Advent song.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am – 'MESSY ADVENT'

We warmly invite children with a Parent or Guardian for another fun-filled activity morning, in the main hall of St Mary's House, followed by our 'bring & share' lunch. Not to be missed!

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS

Bring along some new toys for our local charities and carry them up to the altar. In Junior Church we will be opening some surprise parcels and looking at some favourite toys.

Please note the times of services. Email [lizprior42@gmail.com](mailto:lizprior42@gmail.com) for any further information.