



THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 19th

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
10.00-16.00 Come & Sing Workshop with Richard Hubbard & Cantus Firmus, **St John the Baptist Church, Ipswich** (further details from Sarah / Choir)

SUNDAY 20th (Christ the King; 1st before Advent; 'Safeguarding Sunday')

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist
10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
(livestream link: <https://youtu.be/SahkshuGpNA>)
10.30 Morning Prayer, **Great Bealings. All welcome.**
17.30 Evening Prayer, **Epiphany Chapel**
18.00 Standing Committee, **Woodbridge**

MONDAY 21st

10.00 Time to Reflect, **SMH**
19.30 Screening of the international film "The Letter", with coffee available from **19.00, Woodbridge**

TUESDAY 22nd November (St Cecelia)

10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in **SMH**.
17.15 Meditation Group in **SMH**
19.00 PCC meeting, **SMH**
19.00 Bellringers practice, for 'learners & returners,' with general practice commencing at **19.30**

WEDNESDAY 23rd

9.20 'Open the Book' event, **St Mary's Primary School**

THURSDAY 24th

08.45 Woodbridge School Prep Assembly, **Woodbridge**
10.00 Said Eucharist, followed by coffee, **Woodbridge**
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, **Woodbridge**

FRIDAY 25th

11.00 Interment of Ashes (Jill Ganzoni), **Great Bealings**
11.30 Extended Communion at Grove Court

SATURDAY 26th

9.00 Morning Prayer by Zoom
15.00-17.00 Our United Benefice Christmas Market, **Woodbridge**. Bring your friends!

SUNDAY 27th (1st Sunday of Advent)

08.00 Said Benefice Eucharist
10.00 Sung Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**
17.00 Candlelit Advent Procession, **St Eds Cathedral**
N.B. there will be no Evening Prayer in **Woodbridge**

NOTICES

NOMINATIONS FOR 'ANGELS' who have / do inspire you locally, are now being invited. Please send in your suggested name(s) to the Parish Office and (briefly) say why they are so special. We are hoping to form our own "Photo Advent Calendar" with 24 inspirational people from Woodbridge and Great Bealings.

LAST WEEK FOR KNITTERS in Woodbridge & Great Bealings! For our Christmas 'Charity Angel' stall from Advent Sunday, we are hoping you will use one of our knitting patterns! Please pop into the Parish Office to pick up a pattern, or ask for one to be emailed to you. Please bring completed angels to the Parish Office. Thank you! This year our churches will be supporting Suffolk Refugee Support and East Anglia Children's Hospices. We are also asking for **NEW TOYS** for both these charities on **Sunday 4th December** (St Nicholas).

MESSY CHURCH – Our next 'Messy Church' will be on **Saturday 3rd December, 10.30am to 12 noon**, in St Mary's, Woodbridge, followed by a Bring 'n' Share Lunch at the west end. Yummy!



OUR UNITED BENEFICE CHRISTMAS MARKET will be held from **3-5 pm THIS Saturday 26th November**. Please support in all the ways you can! Sign up on the sheets at the back of church, and please consider donating some of the items on the list. Please see the boxes at back of church for your donations, or drop into the Parish Office, or Rectory. We need more Christmas puddings, chocolate, jewellery, wine bottles (empty or full)...

Raffle tickets are available from the Shop as well as Church. Please return counterfoils etc. to the Rectory or Shop or Parish Office as soon as possible, and thank you to all who have already done so. Thank you for your generous support!

'WACHET AUF' – "Sleepers Wake" is the name of our new ADVENT book by Nicholas Holtham, which will be discussed on **Monday 28th November** (and 2 or 3 successive Mondays only) at **10.30am** (coffee available from 10am) in **SMH**. It is a SPCK publication, and will be a timely response to the premiere of a wonderful new film (see below).

'THE LETTER' – Churches Together (Woodbridge Area) have arranged for a premiere screening at **St Mary's, Woodbridge** of the internationally acclaimed film ['The Letter,'](#) based on Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudate Si' and directed by Emmy-winning Nicolas Brown. It will be shown on **Monday 21st November** at **7.30pm**, with coffee available from 7pm. More details [here](#). Posters are available to display, so please spread the word!

OUR BENEFICE “POP UP” CHOIR – is back again (alongside our regular Choir), preparing for Christmas in both our churches! Rehearsals will take place on:

- **Thursdays 8th and 15th December at 6.30pm**, in **SMH**, for 45 minutes, and after Church at St Mary’s, **Woodbridge**, on:

- **27th November (11.15am)**
- **4th December (12.15pm)**
- **11th December (11.15am).**

Come as much as you can. We will be including the carols in both:

- the **Great Bealings carol service (Sun 18th Dec, 18:30)** and
- **Woodbridge carol service (Mon 19th Dec, 18:30)**

It would be great to have you along on both occasions, but it is especially the Great Bealings service for which we’re aiming for the ‘pop-up’ effect since there is no regular choir there.

OUR NEXT ADVENT CHORAL EVENSONG – is in **Woodbridge** on **Sunday 4th December** at **5.30pm**. This will be conducted by Sarah, and our guest organist will be Brian Orland.

CANDLELIT ADVENT PROCESSION – All are welcome to attend the traditional annual Candlelit Advent Procession with Bishop Martin, and led by our cathedral choristers, next **Sunday 27th November** at **5pm**, at the **Cathedral**. This 'darkness to light' service uses readings, music and congregational carols, moving around the liturgical space of the cathedral, to mark the start of the season of expectation and preparation for the *adventus* of Christ in his incarnation and to his final advent at the end of time. **N.B.** There will be no Evening Prayer in Woodbridge, but if you would like a lift to the cathedral, please have a word with Fr Nigel.

SINGAPORE SUPPER – **Saturday 25th February** will be the new diary date after postponing the last one (**7pm for 7.30pm** in **SMH**). Details and tickets to follow in January.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ADVENT CALENDARS OR CANDLES? Only one week to go until the wonderful new season begins.

<p>Readings for Sunday 27th November 1st Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2. 1-5 Matthew 24. 36-44</p>
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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

On this Feast of St Edmund, for our Diocese and Cathedral, and our shared pilgrimage of faith and witness, looking towards the Holy season of Advent.

For our Safeguarding Teams across Suffolk, and all who protect vulnerable children and adults.

For all our Girl Guides and Leaders celebrating their centenary.

For our Church Shop and all our volunteers at this busy time.

For these challenging times economically and politically; for our County and Town Councils, and all facing difficult spending decisions.

Among the departed, for Nicholas Pearson, Jill Ganzoni, and Ann Barrett.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE WEEK (COLLECT)

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as
Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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

Benefice Office Opening Hours are Tuesday 12-4pm, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am-2pm.

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