



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

**11.30** Communion at **Grove Court**  
**12.30** Ecumenical Lent Lunch, **SMH**  
**18.00** Stations of the Cross. All welcome for 40 minutes prayer-walk around **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> (clocks go forward)

**09.00** Elders' Eucharist, **Woodbridge** followed by meeting in the **Seckford Room**  
**10.00** Please join the gathering **outside Boots in Thoroughfare** to counter the racist leaflets put through our doors last week – under the banner 'Everyone is welcome in Woodbridge'  
**14.00-16.00** Lenten 'Messy Church' **St Mary's House**  
**19.30** 'Petite Messe Solennelle' concert with Woodbridge Choral Society, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> of Lent) (Mothering)

**08.00** BCP Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**10.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**. We will be joined by some of our Guides, and posies will be given out. Coffee & cake afterwards!

**N.B. MONDAYS are the Rector's day off!**

### TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April

**10.00** St Mary's CE Primary Easter Service, **St Mary's Church, Woodbridge**  
**10.00 – 14.30** Poppy's Pantry, **SMH**  
**10.30** Morning Prayer at **Seckford Chapel**

**17.00** Christian Meditation, **SMH**  
**19.30** Bellringers' Practice

### WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

**19.00** Cathedral online [Lent Course](#)

### THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

**10.00** Said Eucharist, **Woodbridge**  
**10.30** Flower Group Planning Meeting, **Seckford Room**  
**14.15** Mothers' Union Committee Meeting, **Seckford Room**  
**18.30** Choir rehearsal, **SMH**

### FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup>

**11.15** Woodbridge School Prep Easter Service, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**  
**12.30** Ecumenical Lent Lunch, **SMH**

### SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer **via Zoom**

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> of Lent) (Passiontide begins)

**09.30** Parish Eucharist, **Great Bealings**  
**11.00** Parish Eucharist, **Woodbridge**, followed by meeting with our Servers.  
**14.00** Quarter peal in memory of Michael Tyler, **St Mary's, Woodbridge**

## NOTICES

**MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES** - The source of simple foliage has been curtailed. If you could provide sprigs of rosemary or choisya and leave in shop on Friday please, it would be a huge help to Guides making them up. We specially welcome our friends from Great Bealings to join us for this special service.

**OUR NEXT (WOODBIDGE) PCC MEETING** will be held shortly on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at **7pm** (at the west end of church). Wrap up warm!

**CALLING ALL OUR SERVERS** to a brief meeting next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> April) after Mass, to 'talk through' our Holy Week services, please.

**LOOKING TO BE CONFIRMED?** There is a wonderful opportunity to be Confirmed in our Cathedral during Eastertide, on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May** at **10.30am**. Please have a word with Fr Nigel if you are tempted!

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER** – please take extra copies today to encourage neighbours, colleagues and friends to join us in Woodbridge & Great Bealings. We hope and pray that as many of you as possible will take part in all that we do!

**PILGRIM (FORMERLY STUDENT) CROSS** - Members of the Essex Leg will be joining us for a short service in church around **5.30pm** on **Palm Sunday** and then we shall offer a two-course supper in **St Mary's House**. To make that work, the following are needed, please:

- 4 offers of practical help - setting tables, cooking, serving, clearing up, etc.
- a fruit bowl - approx 20 pieces of fruit - apple, bananas, oranges
- 5 puddings/desserts for 6 people
- cash donations for main courses, etc.

Please sign up for these at the back of the church on **30<sup>th</sup> March** or **5<sup>th</sup> April**. If needed, please talk to Gaynor Shire about this.

**THANK YOU** to Woodbridge Ambient Festival (Jan, Malcolm & Stephen), all the performers and exhibitors, and everyone who came along to their excellent Spring Equinox Mini-festival last Saturday, and for donations to our Building Project Appeal (total raised to be advised soon). Also to the cake makers, and all who served tea & wine!

**ST MARY'S SHOP** - At the moment we have 'Happy Easter' clotted cream shortbread and also 'Happy Easter' chocolate which make great alternatives to Easter eggs, - especially for 'grown ups'!



**OUR BUILDING PROJECT APPEAL** – Please look at our ‘extended’ special display on the south aisle wall – which ‘reads’ from the organ console to the font – nearly!

**OUR BENEFICE LENT PROGRAMME** (with ‘Living Hope’ theme) is available to read and download from our website. [Click here](#) for the Lent 2025 page. This season is all about growth & fellowship across our Benefice.

**LENT LUNCHES** continue on **Fridays**, until **4<sup>th</sup> April**, from **12.30pm to 2pm** in the main hall at **St Mary's House**. Soup, roll, cheese and tea/coffee will be on offer. Donations to be made to our Lenten Charity for 2025, Tearfund’s ‘Toilet Twinning’ scheme.

**OUR LENTEN CHARITY** – Please save up at home and bring your donations to both Churches at Easter. We hope to be supporting 12 different underdeveloped countries (with the help of Tearfund), if we can manage to raise enough for half a dozen new toilets at £60 each.



**WOODBIDGE ART CLUB EXHIBITION** - Woodbridge Art Club is delighted to invite you to a new exhibition to be held in the main hall at **St Mary's House** from **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** to **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, from **10am to 4pm** each day. Lots of wonderful new artwork by talented local artists, including paintings, ceramics, and artistic photography. Please put the dates in your diary - they hope to see you there!

**WOODBIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT** is taking place in **St Mary's, Woodbridge** **THIS Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.30pm**. They will be performing Rossini's ‘Petite Messe Solennelle,’ and tickets are £18, available from choir members or via [Ticketsource](#).

**TODAY'S Readings**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of Lent; Mothering**  
Colossians 3. 12-17  
Luke 2. 33-35

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**5<sup>th</sup> of Lent; Passiontide begins**  
Isaiah 43. 16-21  
John 12. 1-8

**NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** - In 2025 a completely new church Electoral Roll has to be prepared from scratch.

To be entered on the new roll, we must ask you, please, to complete an application form and return it on paper or via email as follows:

**Woodbridge** – hand completed forms to Electoral Roll Officer, Veronica Howe, or drop in to the Parish Office, or email [parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org).

**Great Bealings** – contact Electoral Roll Officer, Jonathan Keer, on 07962 114378 or email [jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk)

All completed applications should be returned as soon as possible, and **by Easter Sunday (20th April) at the very latest**. No further applications may be accepted after this date, and the new roll will be displayed from:

- Tuesday 22nd April – Woodbridge, and
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Great Bealings**

in advance of our separate APCMs on:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Woodbridge
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Great Bealings**

**QUARTER PEAL IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL TYLER** will be rung by our Bellringers at **St Mary's, Woodbridge** on the **Sunday 6th April** from **2pm**. They will ring Michael's favourite method: Grandsire.

**MOTHERS' UNION** will be holding their next meeting on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at **2.15pm** in **St Mary's, Woodbridge**, please note change of venue (in church, not St Mary's House). This month's meeting is 'Stations of the Cross' led by Margaret Lowe. All are welcome to attend.

**EASTER LILIES** - There is the opportunity again this year to remember loved ones with a 'named lily'. They will cost £4 each, and you can ask for one or more names to go on one lily. Please order as follows:

Place cash in an envelope and seal it. On the outside, please print clearly:

FROM: *(Your own name)*;

CONTACT TEL NO. or MOBILE or E-MAIL;

IN MEMORY OF: *(Exact name of the person or people remembered)*;

CASH ENCLOSED: £*(Amount)*

Please pop into the Parish Office, or push your sealed envelope well into the Shop letterbox **by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

- Give thanks for our Mums and Grandmas – all who nurture and encourage our children and grandchildren
- For yesterday's 'Messy Church'; for our Mothers' Union locally and throughout the Diocese, especially their support for the Clewer Initiative. For our 'toilet twinning' Lenten Charity... and our Lenten Lunches as 'Churches Together'.
- For the leaders of the world, especially those caught up in the spiral of violence and poverty...
- For our own families and friends, schools and children; our social workers, midwives, and local surgeries
  
- Among the sick and housebound please pray for: Penny Bird and Cath Eaden

### COLLECT

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of  
Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your  
presence to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
AMEN

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at  
the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with  
the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your  
goodness  
to grow in grace within the  
household of faith;  
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 to 4pm, Thursday 9am to 3pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm.**

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