



**A Warm Welcome to  
WOODBIDGE ST MARY WITH GREAT BEALINGS**

**24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

***Wherever we are, we are the body of Christ.***

**Christian Values at St Mary's CofE Primary, Woodbridge**

A few years ago as a school, we selected five Christian values that we thought would underpin all aspects of school life. We chose perseverance, creativity, responsibility, respect and wisdom. We use these as the focus of our collective worship and explore them through Bible stories; to describe our learning behaviours and to help us manage our social behaviour and interactions. Our values provide us with a shared language to help us deal with the everyday events that happen at school. We need to take responsibility for our learning and to grabble and engage with it; we need to persevere when we find something difficult; we need to respect each other and use our wisdom to make good choices when we are playing and learning. We hope that we will take these values with us into our homes, the community and as we travel forward in life.

These values are hugely important in shaping the culture and ethos within our school, however since last March when this pandemic first touched our school, these values have grown in significance. As we send the majority of our children home to learn remotely with their families, I am aware of the perseverance and responsibility required of every family to access and engage in online learning. I am struck by the creativity required by parents as they juggle the demands of work, home-schooling and managing technology just to ensure their child can access the learning. I am aware of the responsibility and wisdom demonstrated by our staff as they listen to the messages on the news to stay at home, whilst being asked to come out to work to keep our school open. I am conscious of the need for me to respect and empathise with every individual's feelings at this challenging time – a time which will be experienced differently by everyone.

When this passes (and it will), I believe we will all be more in tune with those values that guide us and support us. We read the story of 'Jesus is tested' from Matthew 4:1- 11 in an assembly this week to remind us of the perseverance and endurance Jesus had to find to do the right thing and survive a challenging experience. We too, will all become more aware of our inner strength and ability to cope in uncertain times. For the moment, we take one day at a time and are guided by our values and the support from those around us.

Karen Read

**Headteacher**

## PSALM OF THE DAY – PSALM 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, ♦  
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; ♦  
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; ♦  
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true ♦  
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; ♦  
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord. **R**
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin ♦  
and lays up the deep in his treasury.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; ♦  
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; ♦  
he commanded, and it stood fast. **R**
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; ♦  
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦  
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦  
and the people he has chosen for his own. **R**

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY – John 2. 1-11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or

thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## COLLECTS FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

## INTERCESSIONS - REVD PETER WINTGENS

- ❖ As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws to a close, we pray for unity of spirit among all Christians wherever they may be.
- ❖ For newly inaugurated USA President Joe Biden and his government, that they may be blessed with the ability to heal domestic divisions and international relationships.
- ❖ For peace, especially in Ethiopia, Syria and Yemen.
- ❖ For the Queen and her government and all those involved in managing the pandemic and vaccination programme.

- ❖ For NHS and care home workers and their families.
- ❖ For parents struggling to educate their children as well as working from home.
- ❖ For those suffering mental health issues at this time.
- ❖ For young people unable to find work or accommodation, and who are missing opportunities to socialise.
- ❖ For families who are hungry, and for those who manage food banks.
- ❖ For ourselves and our parish community, that we may hold fast to our faith in God at this testing time.
- ❖ All who are ill at home or in hospital and for all those struck down by Coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health and for all who suffer.
- ❖ We pray for those who have died and the families and friends they leave behind; for Clive Mascord, Daisy Hodgkinson, John McNally and for those who have no one to remember them. May they rest in peace.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY Funeral of Daisy Diana Hodgkinson

**‘THE CHURCH IS NOT CLOSED: ONLY OUR BUILDINGS.’**

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, 24TH JANUARY, AT 5.30 PM**

**FOR A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM**

We are delighted to invite you all to our second Zoom service of Evening Prayer, which will take place this Sunday, 24th January, at 5.30pm. Our worship will be lead by Father Nigel Prior and there will be a short address by Rev’d. Andy Todd.

The duration of the service will be no more than 20 minutes. You can join us using a desktop or laptop computer, an iPad, a tablet or a smartphone. You will need to have the Zoom conferencing application installed on your device. If you would like to join us for Evening Prayer, please email: [andyjtodd@aol.com](mailto:andyjtodd@aol.com) clearly stating your full name. We shall then send you the joining details to enable you to log in.

If you would like to receive future Zoom links automatically each week, please indicate this in your email. We look forward to welcoming as many of our St. Mary’s family, their friends, and others in our local community, as possible to our service.

‘Information from St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocese on using Zoom is available at <https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f214e41ab1e4/content/pages/documents/1601998406.pd>’

## NEWS FROM THE THOROUGHFARE

**JUNIOR CHURCH** - "Hello Everyone! As we know, next Sunday is Candlemas. Traditionally Junior Church would be beavering away creating Christingles ready for the celebration. Sadly, this is obviously not possible this year so Junior church have come up with an idea. We would love it if you could put a candle or some lights in your window on the evening of the 31st as a symbol of Jesus, Light of the World. You could even make a candle or colour in our back page picture to pop in your window too.

We would love it if you could take a picture of your window and send it to me so I can, with the help of those much younger and far more technical than me, form a video of all our wonderful pictures. If you aren't able to send me one, do let me know and I will come and take a picture for you! I really look forward to seeing some of your pictures. With love and prayers to you all. Charlotte and Junior church.

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**PIP HARE** continues to amaze and inspire on her incredible voyage, racing in the Vendée Round-the-World Yacht Race. Our words cannot do justice to her and this challenge she has taken on. From being stung by a Portugese Man o' War to having to fit a new rudder, sailing through the middle of an unspeakably violent depression and all the other extreme 'weather' she encounters. If you are not already following her race, click on the following link to do so. Her sheer determination, bravery, enthusiasm and excitement are palpable!

<https://www.piphare.com/blog>

**NEWS** – we would love to have more items of news to share with everyone reading the news sheets. Bird or animal sightings, new hobbies or discoveries, lockdown thoughts and ideas and particularly good news items! Please send to Katherine in the [parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org) by Thursdays at 1pm please. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **2021 PARISH SHARE**

You will all be glad to hear that our big sum to be found this year has not increased! It is £73,956. For the first time, this figure also includes a contribution from Great Bealings – soon to be agreed. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has joined our PGS scheme in particular because it guarantees a weekly income and commitment – without which we could not survive.

## **THE LATE SIMON BURRIDGE**

Following Simon's death last year, his personal effects were left to St Mary's to sell/donate as wished and so far, over £900 has been raised from table top sales, Ebay sales and donations for books, CDs, LPs and camera equipment.

**CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM** - Do you use, or know someone who uses the Induction Loop System ('T'- setting) in the church? Please let Fr Nigel know if it works well or otherwise, so that it can be reviewed alongside the main sound system in Woodbridge St Mary. Please let your views/suggestions for improvement be known to Fr Nigel.



## **WOODBIDGE ST MARY WITH GREAT BEALINGS**

Have a look on our website

[www.stmaryswoodbridge.org](http://www.stmaryswoodbridge.org)

to view changes made to  
incorporate our United Benefice.

Also, some great photos of the NEW  
YEAR'S DAY NEW BENEFICE WALK .

**TIME TO REFLECT** – At the next Zoom meeting on Monday 25th January, Time to Reflect we will be considering the following chapters from Living with the Psalms, by John Bell. They are chapter 6: Hot Gossip and Hard Places, chapter 7: Malediction and chapter 8: What is it about Psalm 137?

**THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP** offers a variety of different Daily Notes to help us read our Bibles. The church orders notes annually and we next need to order during the first week in February. If you think you would like to explore what is available please contact Sandra Schur 01394 380 544 or [sandraschur@btinternet.com](mailto:sandraschur@btinternet.com).

**WOODBIDGE FOODBANK** - Most of you will be aware of the excellent work undertaken by Major Alan Hill and his team at the Salvation Army in Woodbridge to provide food to those in need. On his behalf, and that of the users of this service, I want to thank you all for your generous support through your donations and prayers. Demand for food parcels continues to grow. They are currently distributing around 115 parcels a week in our local area. That's an increase of over 350% in the past 18 months. This is a tremendous achievement and testament to the sheer hard work of the band of volunteers at the Foodbank.

Since our first 'appeal' in March last year, many of you have been making regular financial contributions by direct debit. This is a vital source of income, allowing the volunteers to purchase whatever may be in particular demand or short supply each week. If you would like to consider joining this group of regular donors, please give Alan Hill a call on 07562 007125.

We have been obliged to suspend our street and 'drop-box' collections of food items during the present pandemic restrictions. Sadly, these look set to continue for a while. Rest assured that we shall resume these methods of facilitating your donations just as soon as it is sensible and safe to do so.

Until then, you can continue to leave food items in the collection baskets in the local Co-Op stores. The Foodbank is particularly looking for:

- dried pasta
- pasta sauces
- tinned meat and pies
- tins of fruit or vegetables (but not baked beans; due to a recent donation from a food services company, they have plenty of beans)
- sugar in small (500g) packets and tea or coffee in any size packets!

*'Freely have you received, freely give.'* (Matthew 10:8)

**CHURCH FLOOR CLEANING TEAM** - St.Mary's has a great team of twelve people, who, in teams of two, vacuum and sweep the church floor each week over a period of six weeks. The team has been led by Tony Waller, who also organises the team rota. Tony will be stepping down at the end of March, so we'd love another person to organise the rota to clean the floor. If you are able to help or would like more details please contact the parish office via email [parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org) or telephone 01394 388820. Thank you.

## **ST MARY'S MU (MOTHER'S UNION)**

Hello and a warm welcome from us all. Sadly, like so many other organisations, our monthly enjoyable branch meetings had to come to a halt from April 2020, and you don't need me to tell you why! What a year last year was but, there is hope on the horizon, and we need to cling on to that hope for all our mental health sakes. Nevertheless, MU was doing our bit with emailed newsletters to those that had this facility and printed off and posted or hand delivered for those that didn't. We also had small lists of people to phone to keep in touch and to try and alleviate the loneliness and boredom. Some members helped others by shopping and collecting prescriptions and followed up on chemist collections. Also, knitting needles were clacking away on warm hats for the Seaman's Mission, newborn baby hats and hearts, 1 for the family member in hospital and another for the family. Sewing machines were out on tables, whizzing away on Scrubs and face masks. We joyfully hold, when allowed, our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2.15 pm, and always have a varied program of events throughout the year. Interesting talks sometimes, an annual lunch, a yearly cream tea for charity and round the year off with a wonderful Carols and Readings service. We also hold Corporate Communion services and Wave of Prayer at certain times.

And so we round off by wishing and hoping you all stay safe, keep well and, do come along and see for yourselves what a warm and friendly bunch we are, men are always welcome to join too you know! Happy New Year from joint branch leaders !

Jean Cobb 01473 621558 and Rachel Jolley 01394 766907

**COMMUNICATION AND STAYING IN TOUCH DURING LOCKDOWN** - As we enter the current Lockdown, the earlier channels for the news sheet are still in place. They came from the 'phone trees' set up in March to maintain communication and have developed into hand deliveries and several other forms. **If you would like to chat** further, please contact Barbara (07710 229345 & [bandjstear@btinternet.com](mailto:bandjstear@btinternet.com)) or Veronica 01394 383257 & [vhowe22@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vhowe22@yahoo.co.uk)) who will be pleased to talk and/or link you up with another member of our congregations. They will be delighted also to offer you the Zoom links for **Thursday T@4 sessions**.

If you would like to join a small group (of Elders and others) for **Morning Prayer at 9 am on Saturday mornings**, Barbara or Veronica will be able to pass on the links for that too. The onscreen text of the service is provided.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** - 4 Carmelite Place is on sale at the reduced price of £485K with W.H Brown in Church Street. Please contact them for details. 01394 380280

## ONLINE SERVICES LINKS

<p><b>Sunday Eucharist from St Edmundsbury Cathedral 11am</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral">www.facebook.com/stedscathedral</a></p>	<p><b>BBC Radio 4 Sunday Services</b> (and other services) <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds</a></p>
<p><b>BBC 1 TV Services</b> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00oh05p/episodes/player">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00oh05p/episodes/player</a></p>	<p><b>C of E Services</b> <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online">https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online</a></p>
	

## WAYS TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S – THANK YOU



Giving to St Mary's



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### PARISH GIVING SCHEME

For details, contact

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### REGULAR or ONE OFF DONATIONS

via bank transfer, envelope schemes,  
cheques – please contact the

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