



**A Warm Welcome to  
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH**

with the Seckford Chapel, Woodbridge

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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**COLLECT AND READINGS**

**The Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.

## **Phillipians 1. 21-30;**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **Matthew 20. 1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

- ❖ For the Christian Church throughout the world, for the USPG and their 'Standing in Solidarity' Campaign as part of the Black Lives Matter movement and for the Salvation Army worldwide, but especially under Major Alan Hill's guidance in Woodbridge and the surrounding area
- ❖ For Justin and Stephen, our Archbishops, for our Bishops Martin and Mike, for Father Nigel, for Andy, for Peter, Siw, John and all who serve locally, together with all clergy and laity of Bosmere Deanery.
- ❖ For our schools, their pupils, parents, staff and governors, and all who direct their daily lives

- ❖ For the business and finance sectors in Suffolk and all who have lost or may lose their jobs.
- ❖ For those who feel frightened and marginalised or are imprisoned because of their sexuality; for wisdom for their governments and a change in policies in 71+ countries worldwide
- ❖ For all facing health challenges and for the family members and other carers who support them
- ❖ For Captain James Pooley, serving as a member of the SAS in Belize, and killed in September 1994. He had supported an orphanage there for former street children. For the charity, still supported in his name by his mother.
- ❖ For the Civil Wedding of Neva Craven and Antony Carroll in London this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Their wedding should have taken place at St Mary's in June. They look forward to their Blessing in St Mary's in March.
- ❖ Amongst those we are asked to pray for;  
Clare Appleby, Derek Cole, Phylis Davis, Kathy Day, Leah Haywood Smith, Pat O'Hagan, Febe Pipe, Gwyneth Rhys- Jones, Joy Shipton, Amanda Slade, Katie Smith, Iris Stock, James Tucker, Jennifer Workman and any others known to us alone.

Among the recently departed, Clare Gonzalez

- ❖ For Patricia Yelland, whose funeral was last Wednesday

<b>READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27th September; Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25 to end: Matthew 21. 23-32</b>
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<b>THE WEEK AHEAD</b>
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| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>   | <b>8am</b> Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel – all welcome   |
| <b>St Matthew</b>                         |  |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September,</b> | <b>8am</b> Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel – all welcome   |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>10 am</b> Said Eucharist in St Mary's Woodbridge – all welcome<br><b>6 pm</b> Wedding rehearsal                   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>8am</b> Morning Prayer in the Epiphany Chapel – all welcome<br><b>3pm</b> Wedding of Nicola Oakley and Sam Barton |

## COMING SOON

- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September**      **11am**      All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Great Bealings followed by a 'Bring Your Own Picnic'. Both will be held outdoors in Churchyard
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**      **10am**      Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's Woodbridge. We are asking for tinned and dried food, all of which will be donated to the Salvation Army Foodbank.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**      **7.30pm**      Our annual Vestry meeting, followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will in St Mary's Woodbridge.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

CAN YOU HELP???? The Junior Church provision during the Pandemic has largely been centred around the online resources and Zoom catch ups. With the guidelines now in place we are really going to encourage and welcome families and children back into church and will start running our weekly Junior Church sessions. However, I cannot manage this alone and I am beginning to build our team of volunteer leaders and supporting adults. We are desperately in need of more people to enable us to make the sessions the best they can be so that we can encourage our young people to grow in their faith but also to allow us all to also have time in church. I am therefore asking for your help!!! If this is something you think you would like to get involved in or would like to know a little more about, I would love to hear from you!!!

Please also visit our new Facebook page and 'Like it'!

[https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWoodbridge/?view\\_public\\_for=117166080127646](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWoodbridge/?view_public_for=117166080127646)

Thank you.      [charlotteday1988@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteday1988@gmail.com)      07842582870

## Thoughts from Tony Waller

I would like to start by thanking all of you who sponsored me in this year's Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride and note in passing that quite a few doubled their usual tariff. Very generous. As the years go by I am learning to enjoy the stride aspect. Cycling uphill is getting beyond me!!

At the most recent PCC meeting Treasurer David Sharples looked into his crystal ball and saw a deficit this year of about £25k. This is big money. If you are a glass half empty person it is worrying. Certainly we should all take note, be aware, and ponder anew. For the glass half full people it could have been a whole lot worse. The problems stem mainly from aspects of the impact of Covid 19. In particular income from St. Mary's Hall lettings has taken a huge hit. Takings from St. Mary's Shop are not far behind. Of course, Sunday cash collections have been decimated too.

BUT giving through all the avenues detailed in the newsletter have actually been extremely encouraging. Even so it may be just a few that have dug deep. Perhaps there are some more pensioners like me whose income stream is secure and even some others who could take a second look at where we are with our charitable giving to St. Mary's and our other favourite good causes. Another surge of giving round Harvest time would help enormously.

Our gospel reading today emphasises just how generous our God is and by implication it encourages us to be generous too, with our time and our talents and our love. This is encouragement in discipleship.

Peter Phillips, a research fellow in digital theology at Durham University wrote in BRF Notes, "the Bible is a book of discipleship, guiding our walk with God. It doesn't just provide an entry point to discipleship; it also provides a way to stay on that route. The word of God (both the written word but also the living Word) is the way to go. The word of God is the path of discipleship. But we also need the Living Word of God to support us through his written word to keep on with our discipleship.

Where are you with God's word? Does the word hold you up? Do God's statutes guide you through your life as a disciple of Christ? Does the word work within you to lead you along the path of discipleship? Reflect on your own engagement with God's word in your life." Challenging indeed!

## NOTICES

### **NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)**

From October, we are looking forward to some new members joining our PCC and we are hoping and praying for a new PCC Secretary. Please have a confidential word with Father Nigel if you are interested.

### **STOP PRESS FROM BISHOP MARTIN**

"It has been confirmed that the new rules on informal social gatherings do NOT apply to acts of Worship, provided we continue to follow the established guidance and risk

assessments. It is also our understanding that the announcement of the ‘Rule of Six’ does NOT prevent meetings of more than 6 people in venues (including churches, church and village halls) following Covid19 secure guidelines.” Hurrah!!

**We are very grateful to those who book each week in time for our Friday 3pm deadline. This really helps our seating arrangements, to maximise safe numbers in the Church.**

## **LIVE- STREAMING**

We are hoping to live stream the Parish Eucharist this Sunday. The link below should be live from 9.55am on Sunday 20 September and the video will then remain in place for viewing at a later time if you prefer. <https://youtu.be/uuGS6yCR4z4> Your feedback on the way we’ve been doing things is really important and would be much appreciated - we’d love to know how you feel about how often we live stream and how we’re doing it!

- 1) Is once a fortnight too much or too little?
- 2) Do you usually watch it from 10.00am so that you’re part of the service as it happens or do you prefer to watch later at a time more convenient?
- 3) Do you watch the complete service or feel the sermon is the most important part and prefer to skip other parts?
- 4) If the sermon is the most important part would you prefer to access it as a written transcript, an audio or a video?

Please use the feedback form at the bottom of the Contacts, Links & Giving page on our website [www.stmaryswoodbridge.org](http://www.stmaryswoodbridge.org) or

email me on [webmaster@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:webmaster@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

Many thanks, Rita

## **NEWS FROM THE SHOP**

The new Radio 4 book by Rhidian Brook “Godbothering” is now available in the shop – highly recommended!

At the moment, we are open every morning except Wednesday 10 - 1 and remember we are open every Sunday after church. Have you considered being a volunteer in the shop? It is a lot of fun helping and meeting customers. You can help out as often as suits your other commitments over the month.

We’d love to hear from you. Please give me a ring or catch me after Sunday service in the shop. Sue Todd 01394 460329 [sjbtodd@aol.com](mailto:sjbtodd@aol.com)

## ARE YOU ON OUR ELECTORAL ROLL?

If you are pleased to be counted as someone who belongs to St Mary's, just return the simple form to our Parish Office. It means you will be eligible to vote at our annual Meetings as well as stand for a variety of voluntary posts. Please feel encouraged by our new Rector who wants our 'membership' to grow! Please ask any of our Sidespeople for a form to take today. Thank you.

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are very grateful that our displays are now back on show and look forward to our Harvest on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please have a word with Sue Smith-Lyte especially if you would like to volunteer for the first time. You will be made very welcome.

## LAST WEEK'S 'RIDE AND STRIDE'

Thank you for sponsoring Father Nigel and Liz, supporting Great Bealings. Just a few more donations to come in please.

**STEPHEN AND JANE COLE** have recently moved back to Woodbridge and we wish them every happiness in their new 'Red House'.

**Private Prayer in our church continues during September, as follows:**

MONDAYS	10 am-12		5-7pm
TUESDAYS	10 am-12		
WEDNESDAYS		2-4pm	
THURSDAYS	10 am-12		
FRIDAYS	10 am-12		5-7pm
SATURDAYS		2-4pm	

We are grateful to those who maintain a discreet presence during opening times.

Barbara & Veronica

**DAILY HOPE** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line is available 24 hours a day and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

## **CHURCH FINANCES**

We are extremely thankful for all the support you are giving to the church for its ministry and considerable costs, particularly in these extraordinary times. The **Parish Giving Scheme** continues to be our preferred form of donation. If you have internet access then full details are on our website under the “Contacts and Links” tab, and then under “Giving to St Marys”. In addition to details of the telephone scheme there is now a downloadable gift form to print, complete and post to the PGS. For further information or queries, please email [givingsteward@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:givingsteward@stmaryswoodbridge.org) or speak to a Churchwarden.

We hope that parishioners who currently use the standing order/faster payments system or make regular envelope donations will give thought to making a transfer to the Parish Giving Scheme.

## **GIFT AID DECLARATIONS**

Many thanks to everyone who has already completed and returned a form and we look forward to receiving any outstanding ones.

More detailed notes and a blank gift aid form are available on our website under the “Contacts and Links” tab in the section headed “Giving to St Marys”. If you fall into one of the above categories, or make one off donations on an ad hoc basis please look at the website. If you require a printed copy to complete please contact a Churchwarden or email [parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)



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**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
**AT ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS**  
**11AM. SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**



*Come and join our 'All-age' celebration in the Churchyard.*

*We encourage you to bring something you have grown,  
be it a plant, vegetables or something you have picked  
fresh from a hedgerow.*

*Bring your own picnic, chair, rug or table for after the service  
and the new Rector really looks forward to meeting you all.*

**ALL WELCOME**

**Covid Secure Event: Social Distancing and Track and Trace must be adhered to**