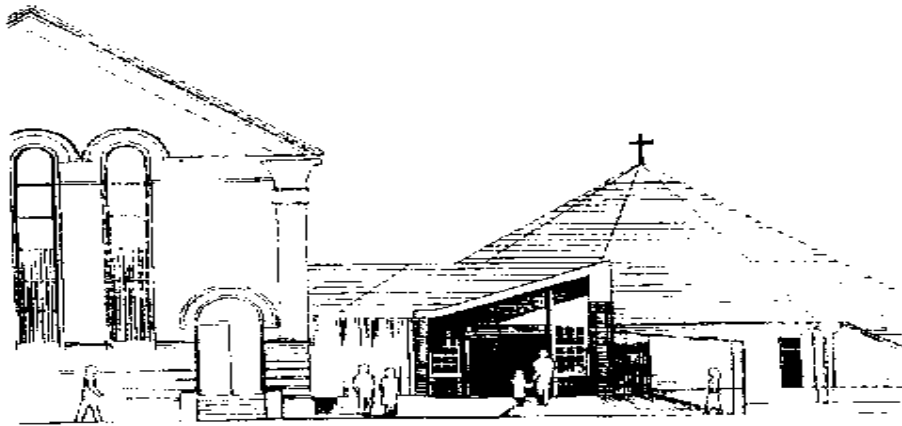
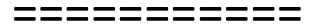
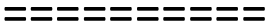


WOODBIDGE METHODIST MUSINGS



March 2024



Message from Our Minister

Success

When Tariro and I met Liz Cope at the airport on our arrival to the UK, we celebrated that we were finally successful.

The Oxford English dictionary defines success as the accomplishment of an aim or purpose, the attainment of popularity or profit, or a person or thing that achieves desired results or attains prosperity.

Our coming to UK for ministry was a great achievement.

What is success in your life?

Have you ever thought about the Christian meaning of the word success. Read Psalm 1:1-3. Reflect on this scripture on what success is.

Success as we learn from our Lord Jesus Christ's life and ministry and impact on the world. We can only define success when we make a positive impact contribution to the well being of others, whether through volunteering work, mentorship, or acts of kindness.

It is important to note that Christian success is not always measured by external markers such as wealth, status, or power, but rather spiritual growth and the impact one has on others and the world around them.

Joshua 1:8 "Keep this Book of the law always on your lips, meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

The church is not a profit making organisation. Our success is measured by the impact we make to our communities as we serve them in all the ways we can for Christ's glory. There is no true success outside the will of God. Seek he the kingdom of God first and all things shall be added unto us.

Let us pray for our successes and the church's success. Amen.

Rev Saul Tadzaushe

WOODBIDGE FAMILY NEWS

In recent weeks it has been lovely to see our congregation increasing once again, after the ravages of Covid and nasty winter infections. Dorothy, Dela, Ron and others are recovering from recent ops and debility, and in particular we have welcomed two new members, Andrew and Louise, and also other occasional folk worshipping with us. All are welcome!

On the debit side we will soon have to say goodbye to Joyce Boorman who will be moving to be nearer her family. We wish you well, Joyce, and hope you will find a church with good fellowship in your new area.

Congratulations to Claire Cogar on passing her driving theory test! Good Luck with the practical! It's such a very important skill to achieve for any young person these days.

On Monday 25 March, Woodbridge Orchestral Society will hold its end of season concert at our church at 7.30pm. All details will be found elsewhere in MMs. I have been playing the flute in the orchestra since 2007, and our conductor Jonathan Abbatt has introduced us to some very exciting and challenging music since he came a couple of years ago. Our concert is free, with donations requested for the ongoing repairs on our buildings.

Our two Senior Stewards Helen and Diane are looking after us very well, even leading some services as our minister Saul, retired Minister Stephen and Local Preachers are needed in other churches in the Circuit. The late Local Preacher Beryl Mabbutt had a large collection of books by John Wesley and other well known past preachers. Ian has donated some of these to our minister Saul, for his own use.

The Mens' Breakfast and Ladies' Notcutts meetings are popular. As I write this the Stewards have organised a Pop Up lunch with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which I'm sure will be much enjoyed. Some members enjoy fellowship in the House Groups too, either daytime or evening. If you want to join one please ask the Stewards for details.

Monty has now become the person responsible for World Church affairs, so we can look forward to a new focus on other wider areas of activity and need.

I order Bible Reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship for anyone who would like to follow this daily discipline. I have examples of different notes, some more of a Bible study, another with life stories from Christians around the world and a Bible passage and prayer. There is even a Large Print version, and special notes for just women or older people. Please ask for details and samples. The new yearly subscription, around £15 starts in May.

As a gathered church coming from a wide area around Woodbridge, many of us, like myself, will be involved in our local communities. Whether at home or at church we can spread our Christian witness in our daily lives, wherever we are, not just on Sundays!

Wishing you every Blessing

Helen Lewis

Helen.

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CAN YOU HELP SET ME UP SO I CAN
FRIEND AND LIKE JESUS, TEXT HIM MY
PRAYERS, AND SHARE ALL HIS TWEETS?

FINDING TIME

- A Meditation

It's easy to forget that we should find time in this hectic world
"to share words with you Lord". Unfortunately if, and when, we do,
it is to ask, to seek, or to provide for our own personal needs,
when in reality we should remember:

To ask forgiveness for the cruel words we sometimes use,
the unkind thoughts we often have and the wrongful deeds we carry out.

To thank You for the food on our table, the friends who care,
the comfort of our home, the warmth, the good health
and love of our family, and the beauty of a world we take for granted.

To seek Your help for those far less fortunate than ourselves,
those suffering war, famine, earthquake, flood, and terrorism,
and experiencing poverty, starvation, immoral and unjust leadership,
and lacking basic medical treatment.

Then, and only then, should we seek to satisfy our own wants.
Being human, we will no doubt continue to put our own requirements before all else.

To seldom find the time to ask forgiveness,
to give thanks, or to ask help for the suffering and oppressed.

And because of our failings and weaknesses
we shall continue to take for granted the Blessings, Love and Mercy which

You show us day by day, and we shall almost certainly
fail to find time "to share words with you Lord".

So please go on forgiving us.

G. Jacobs 12/11/2012

“I will bless you”

based on Bible Reading Fellowship Notes: Haggai 2:15, v 18-19 (NIV)

Now give careful thought to this from this day on - consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the Lord's temple. From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid. Give careful thought: is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on I will bless you.

Some days stand out, don't they? They are turning points in our lives when something happens that changes things forever, and the date is permanently inscribed on our hearts. In this story, the temple had not been rebuilt yet, but the people's obedience and response meant that they were no longer subject to God's discipline.

From this time on (scholars suggest it was 18th December, 520 BC) the blessing of God would be upon them.

Once again Haggai urges leaders and the people to look back and consider how things were when he first spoke to them. Because of their complacency and inactivity, the chastening hand of God had brought them low - through drought and famine, disease and storm. Grain and wine were scarce, fruit crops failed, money went nowhere.

(1:6, 10-11; 2:16-17, 19).
It was a miserable time.

Only when they returned to God did things change. Now, because of their renewed obedience, God's discipline has been lifted and they are under the favour of God.

Here is a lesson to be taken to heart:
Blessing accompanies obedience;
discipline follows disobedience.

Hopefully they will not walk away from God again.

But what does blessing look like?

I would suggest first and foremost it is inwards, a deep sense of peace and well-being, of things being right with God. Love, joy and peace would sum it up. Then, it may be external as well, in the provision of what we need, seeing answers to prayers, and being conscious of God's guidance and providence at work in our lives.

Every tangible blessing is a gift from God and should lead to a humble and grateful heart.

**Suggested Meditation:
From this day on I will bless you**

Monty Guest

Eco Church.....



As I write this in the first week of February, we have so far come through a relatively mild winter, with one cold snap, and another forecast. Yet, especially for those of us who are getting on, or who are less physically active, some of us are struggling to keep warm, and look forward to the spring. The high cost of fuel, even with the help of grants, means that we are having to survive on less heating than we would like. I notice fewer oil tankers filling up peoples' tanks locally this year, so I think I am not alone! Several companies have phoned me offering roof insulation, which is so important for reducing our heating costs and helping the planet, but some firms charge high prices.

On bright sunny days it's good to get out for a walk (or cycle for me!), or even to sit outside well wrapped up, which lifts the spirits and gets the circulation going. The birds are singing already and tits are prospecting nest boxes. These really help birds such as tits, sparrows, and later on, house martins and swifts to have a safe place to bring up their young, and there are plenty of types on the market to choose from, at the local Garden centre or online.

Snowdrops and aconites have been flowering for some time, followed by crocus and daffodils. March is also the month to start sowing some seeds, especially with the help of the warmth of a greenhouse, window ledge or propagator. Garden beds can be tidied up, but we can leave corners for wild plants, and sow a wild patch mini meadow which the bees and other pollinators will love and benefit from. Home-made compost will enrich the soil for our vegetables. Some can even be grown in a tub or box on a balcony or patio. The planning for the months ahead can be as much fun as the doing!

At the end of the month we shall be celebrating Easter, and we will decorate our cross in church with daffodils and other flowers, a symbol of Jesus' Resurrection and new life, as we celebrate the beauty of spring.

Helen Lewis

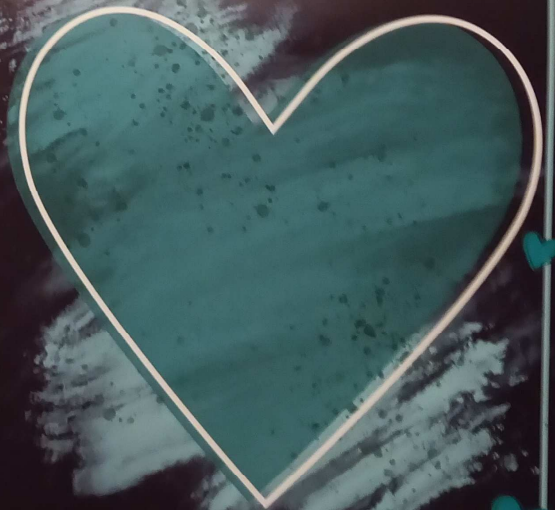
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The **Methodist** Church 

WOODBIDGE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY (WOS)

forthcoming Annual Concert: Monday 25th March 2024



The orchestra in rehearsal with conductor Jonathan Abbott (Steed Photography)

Woodbridge Orchestral Society is holding its annual end of season concert on **Monday 25th March**. It will be held at Woodbridge Methodist Church, St John's St, Woodbridge starting at 7.30pm.

The theme of the concert is **Heroes and Heroines** (plus the occasional villain) with music by **Borodin, Delibes, Offenbach, Prokofiev, Saint Saens and Schubert**. During the evening, there will be a raffle and refreshments will be served.

Entry is free with a retiring collection for Church Repairs.

More details can be found on the orchestra's website:

<http://www.woodbridgeorchestra.org/>

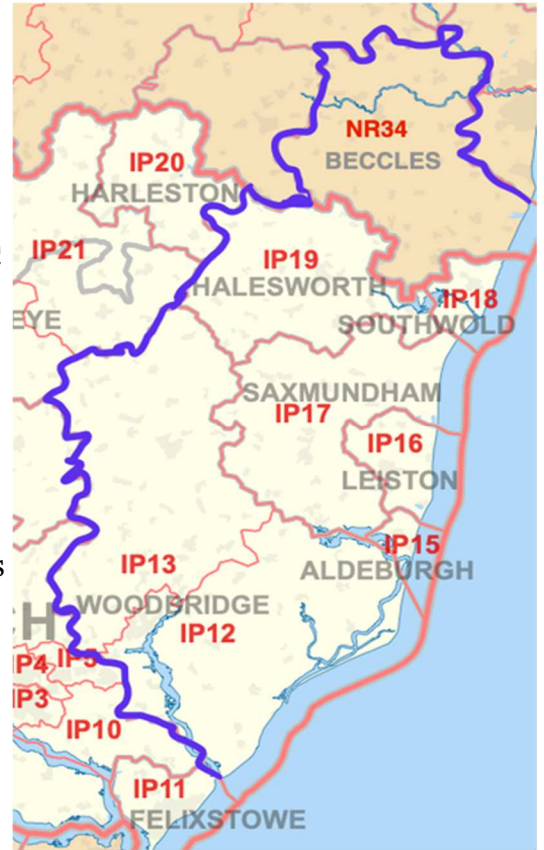
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The Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre

Who are we?

The Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre (SCDC) was founded in 2018 to alleviate poverty, especially for those experiencing unmanageable debt. It is based in Saxmundham in rural Suffolk and operates under the charitable umbrella of SKC Church, the Church of England in Saxmundham and Kelsale. SKC Church is registered with the Charity Commission (registration number: 1171576).

The Debt Centre works in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, the national debt-help charity, and covers a large part of East Suffolk (specifically the postcode areas IP12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and NR34). The map alongside shows the catchment area. Other Suffolk CAP Debt Centres include those in Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Ipswich and Bury.



How are we organised?

SCDC operates semi-autonomously from SKC Church, having a Management Committee composed of eight people, three of whom are members of SKC Church. The leadership team is composed of:

Rev. Nic Stuchfield, Chair

Chris Cotton, Debt Coach

Julia Rose, CAP Money Manager

Doug Fletcher, Administrator

Laura Knight, Debt Centre Manager

Susan Rugg-Gunn, CAP Life Skills Manager

Martin Murray, Community Links Co-ordinator

Mike Rugg-Gunn, Strategy advisor

SCDC maintains its own bank account (subject to dual authorisation) and its own management accounts, within the accounting structure of SKC Church, through which all reporting to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the Charity Commission is carried out. Both the leadership team and the Joint Church Council of SKC Church receive the management accounts each month.

Members of the leadership team live variously in Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Southwold, Debenham and the Woodbridge area and so are connected into the communities that compose the Debt centre's rural catchment area.

If you want any more information on this then please contact Brian Crowe.

Audrey Robertson

When a tribute to one of our members is written, it can read like an obituary, which this is very definitely not. When Audrey Robertson reaches the grand age of 90 on Friday 15th March (the auspicious "Ides of March"), she joins a growing group of quite sprightly Woodbridge Methodist nonagenarians.

Of course, the world was quite different in 1934. Coal and timber were the main sources of fuel. Unemployment was a constant threat. Hitler eliminated embarrassing friends and foes alike in the Night of Long Knives in June. Germany was directing more resources towards its military. Fascists were also marching in British cities. Bonnie and Clyde went on the run before being shot dead. The NHS had not been born.

Audrey began her spiritual life in the Primitive Methodist chapel in Craghead, Co Durham, and became a Sunday school leader in her early 20s while qualifying as a librarian. Audrey and her husband Graham, a civil engineer, moved to the new town in Durham, Newton Aycliffe, for a couple of years after they were married. Audrey again taught in the Sunday school there.

The Robertsons moved to the Ipswich area in 1963 where Graham's engineering skills were much in demand. Audrey's membership was initially at Museum Street (where elder daughter Susan was christened) and then transferred to Woodbridge when they moved to Little Bealings. Audrey couldn't drive at that time, so it is likely that she was an occasional member of the congregation until after their second daughter Lucy was born. At this stage her husband Graham was prevailed upon to provide both a lift to church and babysitting services. This was in the late 1960s. Thereafter Audrey was involved with the thriving Sunday school as Superintendent (later the Junior Church) with over five classes until she retired. She was a formative influence on many young people, including affecting our elder son Tom's moral and ethical standards. Audrey was both a steward and senior steward after that - and then a diligent pastoral visitor too.

We hope this brief tribute is as correct as the information sources were. We all wish you a happy and healthy year ahead, dear Audrey.

Monty Guest

Lent Bible Study

Led by Rev Saul Tadzauushe



At Woodbridge Methodist Church
From 10:30am
(with Tea and Coffee)

Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 13th March

Everyone Welcome



Welcome to TWAM News

Welcome to our special 'local to global' edition of TWAM News, where we seek to highlight the huge amount of work that is done in the UK to support the amazing impact we have in Africa.



Without hundreds of volunteers supporting every area of our work from the Trustees overseeing the governance of the mission to the tireless dedication of our Tool Ambassadors collecting literally hundreds of thousands of tools every year, TWAM would not exist. Equally, the huge volunteer teams in Africa do an amazing work assessing and supporting groups to apply for tools and advising them on long-term planning and sustainability. We hope this special edition will inspire you in your support and prayers for everyone who serves in TWAM.

Mike Griffin
Chief Executive

In 2023, we sent twelve 20ft and four 40ft containers. We sent 6 to Uganda, 9 to Zambia, and 1 to Zimbabwe. Between them, they contained:

- 3,327 Sewing machines
- 174 Knitting machines
- 685 Carpentry kits
- 295 Carpentry workshop kits
- 350 Builders' kits
- 266 Plumbers' kits
- 437 Mechanics' kits
- 337 Electricians' kits
- 141 Groundworkers' kits
- 272 Agricultural kits
- 348 Boxes of power tools
- 596 Computers
- 7,930 Other miscellaneous tools and kits

In total, around 15,158 tool kits and machines.

*"Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us.
Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!"*
Psalms 90:17

About us

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Tools to donate?

To find your nearest collection centre, or to contact a local collector, have a look at our website or call our Ipswich office.

Time to donate?

We are always looking for more volunteers to help in our centres and to collect tools where they live. Please visit [twam.uk/volunteer](https://www.twam.uk/volunteer) to browse our available roles or ring 01473 210220 for more information.

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WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

Regular Events

Join us for worship at 10:45am every Sunday

Every Saturday 3C's Cafe 10am – noon in the Octagon

Midweek Communion Services take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am

Stewards Meeting are held on the first Wednesday of each month

There are also various House Groups

Men's Breakfast meets each month

Ladies Group meets each month

Lent Bible Study – 10:30am at Woodbridge Methodist Church

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 13th March

March

Wednesday 6th, 13th – Lent Bible Study – 10:30am

Sunday 10th – Bring and Share Lunch following Morning Worship

Monday 25th – Woodbridge Orchestral Concert

Friday 29th – Good Friday – CTWA Walk of Witness and service in Elmhurst Park followed by Tea and Coffee at Woodbridge Methodist Church

Sunday 31st – Easter Sunday – don't forget to bring a flower to church

April

May

Sunday 5th – Church AGM following Morning Worship

Sunday 12th – Worship led by Rev Julian Pursehouse followed by Bring and Share Lunch

For more details or to add a date to the calendar
please speak to Steward or email wmcstewards@gmail.com



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N.B. Items for the April WMM must be in no later than
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