

Sunday 7th January 2024

Welcome to our Services

## Epiphany



Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

All Age Service, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. [Isaiah 60. 1-6](#) and [Matthew 2. 1-12](#)

*Sunday Services will continue to be streamed on facebook*

CHS: <https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/>

St Mary's: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/>

### WIDFORD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

Loving Heavenly Father, please help us to grow to be more like Jesus. We want to get to know Christ together by loving one another, serving others and being at the heart of our community. Lord Jesus please encourage us on our way. Amen

## Collect. Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Epiphany shared lunch at CHS on Sunday 7th January, 2024 from 12:30pm. There will be a selection of hot meals and an Epiphany cake to share!

We shall be having two Quiz Nights in 2024, the first is on Friday 12th January, the second Friday 12 April. Please put these dates in your diaries and start inviting family and friends. Exact details later but it will probably be 6.45pm for 7.00pm start with tickets at £7.50, which includes a food, bring your own drinks! Tickets available from office before the event please, to accommodate the food. Make up tables of 6-8 or turn up on the night and join another table. Proceeds go towards the new Church Trailer which has been purchased to help with the God Tent ministry. ALSO we are holding an Auction during the break, so if you can offer a TALENT of something you are happy to do or donate something, please tell Alan J.

Youth group had a fab time at the Megacentre Laser tag on 22nd dec, our Christmas outing together.



We received this photos from a man called John, in Canada this week taken of St Mary's between 1900-1910!



## PLEASE READ THIS:

In December we paid our energy company just over £160 for one month across the parish buildings. We have been protected from the price rises while we were on a fixed tariff that has run out. I've been informed the cost has trebled so that will now be around £500. I'm sorry to keep banging on about this but everyone needs to be vigilant and not waste energy which is effectively wasting money. As examples, the water heater and extractor fan were left on in St.M toilet from the Midnight service until I visited the church on Wednesday 27th. The heating had been on in the Parish Centre this morning, 2nd, but the building was empty. This is not the jurisdiction of just 2 or 3 individuals to monitor what we use. We ALL need to share the responsibility. If you find something on when clearly it should not be, please report it so we can alert others and finally make sure everything is off if you are one of the last to leave a building. Bob.

Mon 8th	Hope Café/soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 8th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Tues 9th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 9th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 9th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 10th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	
Wed 10th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 10th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 10th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 11th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 11th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 11th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 12th	Craft Club	3.15/30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 12th	Quiz Night	6.45pm	Parish Centre
Sat 13th	Youth Group	7- 8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 14th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 14th	Praise & Worship	10.30am	CHS

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*Monday:* Bob  
*Tuesday (Churchtalk):* Barbara O  
*Wednesday:* Jess  
*Thursday:* Shirley + Val  
*Friday:* Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 7th, those living in, Crompton Street and Dane Road, also Jackie, from our Parish prayer directory.

**For inclusion here** please let, Stephanie or one of the wardens know, alternatively send a message to [widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com](mailto:widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com) headed "Prayer request".

There is also a **Prayer Chain via Text** message on [07368136770](tel:07368136770) for specific prayer requests. Please also remember in your prayers our tithe charities, this week:

### CPAS (Christian Pastoral Aid Society)

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Have you checked out the church's website at



[www.widfordparish.com](http://www.widfordparish.com) which is updated every week. There is more information about what goes on in/at church, and links to partner organisations. Why not check it out??

