

Sunday 14th January 2024

Welcome to our Services

SPEAK, LORD.
YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING
I SAMUEL 3:9

Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Praise and Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. 1 Samuel 3. 1-9 and 1 Samuel 3. 10-20

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 2

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

I am heading off to Uganda in February to visit some Children's charities.

If you'd like to purchase any of the following for me to take out that would be awesome:

- ♦ **Milton sterilizing tablets/baby bottles/ bottle brushes.**
- ♦ **Baby clothes/baby blankets/reusable nappies**
- ♦ **Crayons/colouring pencils/colouring books/tennis balls**

While I'm away, I'm hoping that the children's/youths activities won't all have to be cancelled. If you are DBS'd and feel you could help cover one of the following, please could you speak to me and maybe you could come to visit beforehand? Some of the young people really do depend on these groups during the week

Homework Club with Bob (need 1 person) Thursday 8th Feb 3-5pm

Craft Club with Zoe (need 2 people) Friday 9th Feb 3:15/30-4:30 +set down

Youth Group with Stephanie (1-2 people needed) Sat 10th Feb 7-8:30pm

Homework Club with Vicky (need 1 person) Tuesday 13th February 3-5pm

Homework Club with Bob (need 1 person) Thursday 15th February 3-5pm

Craft Club with Zoe (need 2 people) Friday 16th February 3:15/30-4:30pm

+set down

Youth Group with Stephanie (1-2 people needed) Sat 17th Feb 7-8:30pm

Jess

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 prices 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. 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

Next Messy Church is Saturday 20th January and the theme is the three wise men!



Mon 15th	Hope Café/soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00am	Parish Centre
Mon 15th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 15th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 16th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.-12.00am	Parish Centre
Tues 16th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 16th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 17th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 17th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 17th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 17th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 18th	Art Society	9.30am-3.00pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 18th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 18th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 18h	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 19th	Craft Club	3.15/30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 20th	Messy Church	9.00-12.00am	Parish Centre
Sat 20th	Youth Group	7- 8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 21st	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 21st	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 14th, those living in, Hillside Grove and Hillside Mews, also Valerie H. and Lynette and Ellis, 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 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:

South Essex Wildlife Hospital

[SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL – Dedicated to putting life back into the wild](#)

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Have you checked out the church's website at 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??

