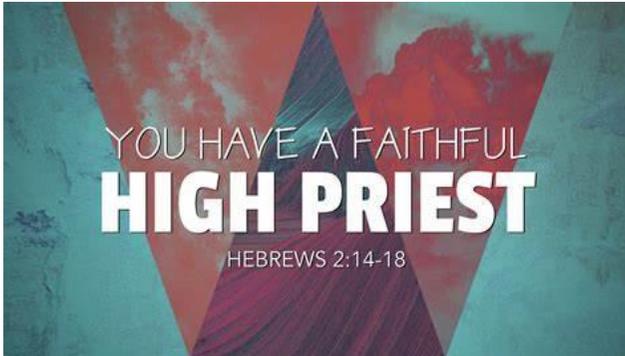


Sunday 28th January 2024

## Welcome to our Services



All Age Worship, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. [Hebrews 2. 14-end](#) and [Luke 2. 22-40](#)

Praise and Worship, St. Michael's, Galleywood,  
4pm for 4.30pm

*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. Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

God of heaven, you sent the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

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 (newborn grows)/baby blankets/reusable nappies
- ◆ Crayons/colouring pencils/colouring books/tennis balls

Thank you to those who have volunteered to cover groups, everything is now covered.

World Day of Prayer is taking place on Friday 1st March, this year the focus country is Palestine.

Our service will be held on the morning of 1st March at St Mary's, 11:30am.

Those who wish to be involved in the service are invited to a planning meeting on Thursday 25th January, 7pm at CHS, to run through the order of service, work out who is doing what and practice the songs!

**The next Messy Church will take place in the Church on 17th February, with a picnic lunch. We had a record number of 76 at our last one.**

## This weeks Eco Tip

It's winter and we need to keep warm, but did you know that if you normally set your home thermostat to 20 degrees and reduce it to 19 degrees you can save 10% on the cost of heating? Naturally if you need to stay warmer to remain healthy please continue to do so, but if you can lower the temperature safely, why not drop your thermostat by a degree for a week—save money, save fuel and help reduce impact on the planet! What's not to love about that.



At craft club on Friday we did some diamond art and decorated coloured glass bottles with fairy lights and glass paint.



Mon 29th	Hope Café/soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00am	Parish Centre
Mon 29th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 29th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 30th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.-12.00am	Parish Centre
Tues 30th	Provide Physio for children	12.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 30th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 30th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 31st	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 31st	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 31st	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 31st	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 1st	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 1st	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 1st	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 2nd	Craft Club	3.15/30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 3rd	Youth Group	7- 8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 4th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 4th	All Age	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 28th, those living in, Widford Chase and Widford Close, also Nicola, Matt and Joshua and Bob, Jane, Jess and Will, 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:

### The Edapals (Ali, Keshule and family)

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And <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/>

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??

