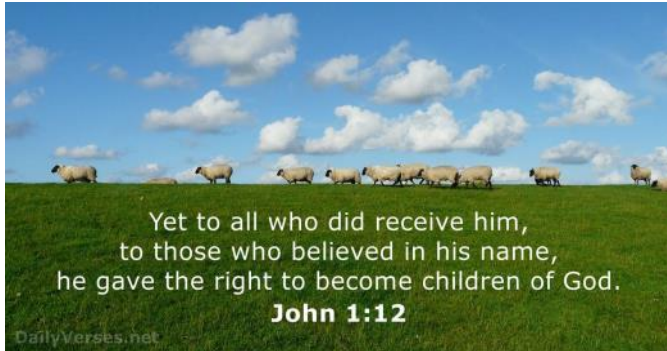


Sunday 4th February 2024

## Welcome to our Services



**Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am**

**All Age Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am**

**Readings. Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31 and John 1. 1-14**

*We welcome the family and friends of Lily-Grace and Hattie  
for Baptism at St. Mary's, 2pm*

*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. Second before Lent**

**Almighty God, you created the heavens and earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen**

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

Thank you for your donations of items for both the intensive care babies, and toddlers at Potter's Village, as well as for the street children in Kigali. Big thankyou for those who have even knitted items!

If you would like a little bookmark copy of my itinerary, please let me know and I can give you one.

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

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, followed by homemade soup.

The next Messy Church will take place in the Church on 17th February, with a picnic lunch, the theme is Palm Sunday. Planning for this is on Monday 5th February at 12.30 in the Westland's Lounge.



Awesome picture of St Mary's taken from Hylands park.

A photo of Councillor Jude with some members of Widford Parish, the defibrillator was funded by the council locality grant and is accessible to anyone in our community who call 999 in a cardiac emergency.



News from Ali and Keshule:  
Keshule will be visiting the  
pastors, churches and vegetable  
gardens in Kenya, for four weeks  
in April until the start of May.  
Please pray for a good visit!  
Thanks!



Mon 5th	Hope Café/soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00am	Parish Centre
Mon 5th	Messy Church Planning	12.30pm	Westlands Lounge
Mon 5th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 5th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 6th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.-12.00am	Parish Centre
Tues 6th	Dementia Cafe	1.00-4.00pm	CHS
Tues 6th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 6th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 7th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 7th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 7th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 7th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 7th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 8th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 8th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 8th	Choir/WDP Practise	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 9th	Craft Club	3.15/30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 10th	Come and Play	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sat 10th	Youth Group Pancakes!	7- 8.30pm	Parish C + WL
Sun 11th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 11th	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 4th, those living in, Beeches Road and Benedict Drive, also Pat B and Adrian, Karen, Ellie and Grace, 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:

**Hugh Pilcher (Jesus loves the little children) in Uganda**

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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??

