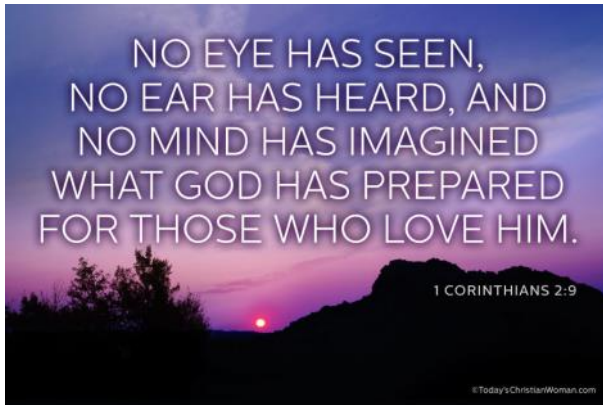


Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

All Age Worship Café Style, Church of the Holy Spirit,
beginning with coffee at 10.30am

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 and Matthew 5:13-20

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 for Third Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

Bishop John's leaving service is Sunday 26th February @ 3:30pm, Chelmsford Cathedral—register your attendance: [Farewell to the Bishop of Bradwell](#).

We are all invited to a Fair Trade Breakfast, 8.30am on Saturday 4th March at the Central Baptist Church. There will be a breakfast and short film. Book your place: gill.parker@sky.com St Mary's is registered as a Fairtrade church!

Lent Books—Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February

- [Failure by Emma Ineson - The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2023](#)
- [Images of Grace: BRF Lent Book 2023](#)
- [Women of Holy Week](#)
- [Forty Women: Unseen women of the Bible from Eden to Easter](#)

Following the visit of Keshule and Ali Edapal, we are printing one of their prayer requests each week, This week:- *Praise God for the provision of motorbikes so that the Pastors can get around to the different churches and projects more easily*



World Day of Prayer is Friday 3rd March, and focuses on Taiwan. We are hosting our own service for this @ CHS, 11am on the 3rd, followed by finger buffet/soup. If you are interested in being part of a team to plan for this and help with catering (!), please speak to Jess :)

Chelmsford college will be returning to Hope Café on Tuesday 7th Feb and also 21st Feb to run their pottery workshop! Do come along to paint and support the students with their assignments!

Advance Notice—Walsingham Retreat

Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd September 2023.

Price per person £149, Room+ Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. We had a great time of retreat together last March and we hope some members of our partner churches will also join us this year. Please



sign up on the list on the notices desk if you would like to come, ***we need to pay a £10 deposit per person at this stage to secure our booking!*** (We have invited our friends from our Partner churches to join us so get in quick—there are only 30 spaces available!)

Mon 6th	Hope Café. Soft Play (<5yrs)	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 6th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Mon 6th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 7th	Hope Café. Soft Play (<5yrs) with pottery workshop	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues. 7th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 7th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 8th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room CHS
Wed 8th	Lunch Club	1pm-2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 8th	Wednesday Fellowship	2:15pm-4pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 8th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 9th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 9th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm.	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 9th	Art Society	6.00-10.00	Parish Centre
Thurs 9th	Choir	7-8pm	CHS
Fri 10th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 12th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 12th	Praise & Worship	11.00am	CHS
Sun 12th	Prayer Stations	4 for 4.30	St. Luke's

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Mr Keith Schofield (CHS)
Mr Bob Wiseman (St Mary's)

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<i>Monday:</i>	Bob
<i>Tuesday (Churchtalk):</i>	Barbara O
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Jess
<i>Thursday:</i>	Shirley
<i>Friday:</i>	Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 5th,
those living in, Brendon Place and
Bruce Grove, also, Fiona, Florence
and Martin, 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:
**Grassroots (alleviating poverty
and sponsoring children in
Kyrgyzstan)**

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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??

