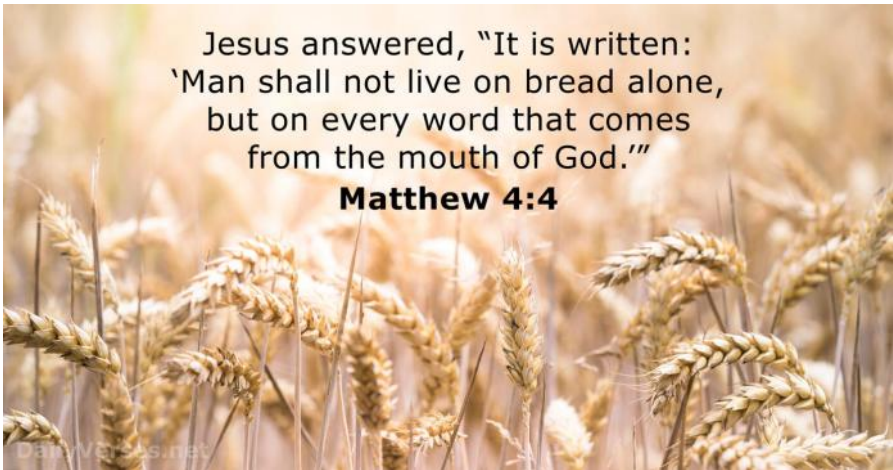


Welcome to our Services



Jesus answered, "It is written:
'Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

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

Praise and Worship, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: Genesis 2. 15-17,3.1-7 and Matthew 4.1-11

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 Sunday 22nd February. First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hornchurch Passion Play will be performing on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April at 7.30pm. This will be on the Green by the Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, RM11 1QT. Well worth going!

A story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the Roman Centurion. Tickets available from the church office, or you can buy a ticket on the night at the door. Pay by card for your ticket at Hope Café or by cash in the church office.

Are you a leader of a group or ministry in the Parish? Thanks for all you do! For the APCM, please prepare your report for 2025 in the next three weeks so we can include it and assemble it into the Parish Report and Accounts.

Please submit the report to the Widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com or hand your hard copy report to clergy or wardens, thanks.

The APCM will be held at St. Mary's after the 10am joint service, on Sunday 19th April.

Recent studies estimate that approximately 11 million metric tonnes of plastic ends up in oceans each year where it can be mistaken for food by unsuspecting marine wildlife. For example a plastic sandwich bag in the sea looks surprisingly like a tasty jellyfish to a hungry turtle.



There will be a run through of the World Day of Prayer Service on 22nd February after the service at St. Mary's.



Happy 5th birthday to Charlie. Shirley, Cindy and friends joined him for bowling to celebrate!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March



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"I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME"
(MATTHEW 11:28)

ST MARY'S CHURCH,
LONDON ROAD
CM2 8TE
10:30AM



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24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 233242

Mon 23rd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 23rd	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 23rd	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 24th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 24th	Dust it off Orchestra	10.30-12.30	CHS
Tues 24th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 25th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 25th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 25th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 25th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 26th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 26th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 27th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 1st	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 1st	All Age Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 22nd, those living in, Waterhouse Lane and Waterhouse Street, also, from our prayer directory, Su R and Janet R..

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:-

[Tearfund](#)

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

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

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??



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