



**Sunday 26th February 2023** 

## Welcome to our Services



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

Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 11.00am

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 and Luke 5: 12-16

Sunday Services will continue to be streamed on facebook

CHS: https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/

St Mary's: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/">https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/</a>

#### 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 First Sunday of Lent**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the 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

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

Following the visit of Keshule and Ali Edapal, we are printing one of their prayer requests each week, This week:- Please pray for Keschule's trip planned for March. That it will be a great opportunity to get to know the WORLD RENEWAL leaders and associates and to complete the church structure.

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. Do come along to join in celebration and prayer for the



culture and faith of the Taiwanese people. If you remember, wear red/ white/blue to match the flag of Taiwan!

Chelmsford College Students will be opening Hope Café and Soft Play for an ADDITIONAL morning 10am-12 noon, plus Warm Hub, free soup and a roll (11.00-12.00) Fridays:- 24th February, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March. Hope Café and Soft Play is open as usual on Monday and Tuesday's 9 am—12 noon.

Widford Parish Lent Course –Travelling Well Together. 7pm, in the Westlands Lounge on the following dates:

• Friday 3rd March, 10th March, 24th March, 31st March

Videos of the daily reflections and prayers have been recorded by people from across the Diocese at the Retreat House in Pleshey. They start on Weds 22nd Feb (TODAY!)

Lent Course 2023 Travelling Well Together | Chelmsford Diocese (anglican.org)

Walsingham—Friday 1st—Sunday 3rd September If you'd like to come please pay your deposit of £10 to Widford Parish PCC by this Friday 24th! If you need further info before you commit, please speak to Jess.

There will be a confirmation service on the 4th June. If you have not been confirmed and would like to be, then please chat to Stephanie or one of the wardens to pass your name along.

This is a wonderful opportunity.

Mon 27th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5yrs>	9am-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 27th	Bridge Club	1pm-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Mon 27th	Rainbows	4:30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 28th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5yrs>	9am-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues. 28th	Homework Club	3.15-5.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 28th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 1st	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room CHS
Wed 1st	Lunch Club	1pm-2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 1st	Wednesday Fellowship	2:15pm-4pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 1st	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 2nd	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 2nd	Homework Club	3.15-5.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 2nd	Choir and WDP setup	7-8pm	CHS
Thurs 2nd	Art Club	6.00-10.00	Parish Centre
Fri. 3rd	World Day of Prayer	11am	CHS
Fri. 3rd	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri. 3rd	Travelling Well Together	7.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Sat. 4th	Come & Play	9.30-12.00	Parish Centre
Sat. 4th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 5th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 5th	All Age Worship	11.00am	CHS

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Rector:** Rev'd Stephanie Gillingham 01245 477 818 stephaniegillingham@hotmail.co.uk Day off Thursdays.

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#### Churchwardens:-

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

#### Caretaker:-

Miss. Tammy Squirrell 07930 940056

### St Mary's Church

London Road, Widford CM2 8TE

#### The Parish Office and CHS:-

Forest Drive, CM1 2TS
The office is currently opened
limited hours but the email and
phone will be checked regularly.

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e: widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com

w: www.widfordparish.com

Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess
Thursday: Shirley
Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 26th, those living in, Thetford Court and Waterhouse Lane, also, Tammy and Linda and Geoff, 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 <u>07368136770</u>

for specific prayer requests.

Please also remember in your prayers our tithe charities, this week:

Embrace ( for child victims of crime)

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And <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> stmaryswidford/



Have you checked out the church's website at <a href="www.widfordparish.com">www.widfordparish.com</a> 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??

