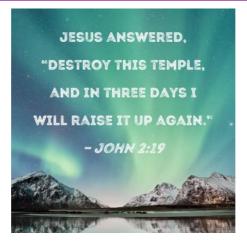




Sunday 3rd March 2024

# Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

All Age Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am Readings. Exodus 20. 1-17 and John 2. 13-22

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, Lent 3

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.



Thank you for your prayers while I was away in East Africa. Hope to see everyone soon and share what I got up to if you haven't

been able to follow on Facebook or whatsapp. Jess xx



<u>It will soon be time for the APCM</u>. Please can you send reports in to the office for the annual report. Thank you. Widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com Hand written is fine if you don't use a computer.

Eco tip: Buy less or buy second hand! For those who can get the internet: there's whole year of eco tips here: <a href="https://arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ARUK-Eco-Tips-Calendar-2024.pdf">https://arocha.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ARUK-Eco-Tips-Calendar-2024.pdf</a> For example, A Rocha (the Christian Eco Charity) reports that mum of 2, Nic started with small changes: using Facebook marketplace and ebay to invest in second hand clothing and toys. You're never too young (or old!) to help being a good steward of the planet!

Next Messy Church will be on Saturday 16th March 2024, planning meeting on Thursday 7th March at 5pm.

# Friday 8th March, Film Night @ CHS, 7pm Hotel Rwanda

I visited the hotel, Hotel Des Milles Collines in Kigali when I first visited Rwanda in 2020. It is a harrowing film that highlights the bravery of one hotel manager, Paul Rusesabagina. It really helped me to understand the cultural history of the country and several of the people I met had been affected by the genocide.

It is rated 12 (contains moderate war images and strong language)



Mon 4th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Dementia Group	1,00-4,00pm	CHS
Tues 5th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 5th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Wed 6th	Morning Prayer	9.15	CHS
Wed 6th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 6th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 6th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 6th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 7th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 7th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 7th	Art Society	6.00-10.00pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 7th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 8th	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat 9th	Come and Play	9.00-12.00	CHS
Sat 9th	Youth Group	7- 8.30pm	Westlands Lounge
Sun 10th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 10th	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess

Thursday: Shirley + Val

Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 3rd, those living in, Beeches Close and Beeches Crescent, also Lionel and Reg and Daphne, 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:

South Essex Wildlife Hospital

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

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

