



Sunday 10th March 2024



Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Praise and Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am Readings. Ephesians 2. 1-10 and John 3.14-21

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. Lent 3 God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Friday 8th March, Film Night at CHS. 7.00pm. "Hotel Rwanda" Rated 12

<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</u> Hand written is fine if you don't use a computer.

Next Messy Church will be on Saturday 16th March 2024, planning meeting on Thursday 7th March at 5pm in the Westland's Lounge.

The youth group had a great time pottery painting in Writtle last weekend!



Eco Tip: This week it's a different type of tip- have a moment of calm in your day. As Lent is our time of reflection, how about what follows: switch off from digital. Explore technology-free times or areas of the house or wherever is your "happy place" switching to 'airplane mode' for the first hour in the morning and last hour of the night, 'switch off Sundays', reaching for your Bible over your device(s) and writing a list of outdoor things that you enjoy. Onwards to nature: this week, explore the great outdoors.

Sadly Tammy's grandad has passed away. Please remember Tammy and her family in your prayers. Thank you.

News from our Kenyan mission partner, Keshule Edapal:

Please pray for a successful trip to Kenya next month. In January, Keshule's UK Visa Renewal was finally processed after nine months of prayer and trusting. He can now leave and re-enter the UK. Keshule is currently helping out at a local garage, his "boss" is a kind hearted Muslim man originally from Afghanistan. Keshule continues with his interpretation Qualification and is sometimes contacted for translation (Swahili) services. Keshule is planning a trip to Kenya in April for a month. He will spend time with the Pastors and Communities in Turkana. Keshule will monitor the various projects

(Bees, Gardens and Literacy) and will facilitate some teaching for those planning to be baptised. There is a large number of new believers and the Pastors have asked Keshule to be a part of the proclamation and celebration baptism day.



Mon 11th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 11th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 11th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30	Parish Centre
Tues 12th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 12th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 12th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Wed 13th	Morning Prayer	9.15	CHS
Wed 13th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 13th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 13th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 14th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 14th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 14th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 15th	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat 16th	Messy Church	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sat 16th	Youth Group	7- 8.30pm	Westlands Lounge
Sun 17th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 17th	Holy Communion	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 10, those living in, Exmoor Close and Evelyn Place, also Jen and Phil, from our Parish prayer directory.

For inclusion here please let, Stephanie or one of the wardens know, alternatively send a message to <u>widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com</u> 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:

Mary Wood Trust

<u>The Mary Wood Trust | Https://</u> pjcw60.wixsite.com/themarywoodtrust home (marywoodtrust4uganda.org)</u>

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

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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??

