

Sunday 12th March 2023

Welcome to our Services



Morning Prayer, St. Mary's. 9.30am

Praise and Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 11.00am

Readings: Matthew 6: 16-18 and Luke 4:1-8

Taize Service, 4.00 for 4.30pm at St. Mary's

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 Second Sunday of Lent

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

Following the visit of Keshule and Ali Edapal, we are printing one of their prayer requests each week. This week:- Thank God for the wonderful Church in Turkana. For the Pastors we work with. Pray God continues to bless and provide for them as he uses them for his glory. While Keshule is in Turkana province, the Beehives funded by Widford Harvest giving are arriving today by lorry! Update 06/03/23.

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: 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:

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 and can be found here, or on Facebook:

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

South—West Chelmsford churches update:

The Reverend Hannah Robinson has been appointed Priest in Charge at St. John's Church and Chaplain to Anglia Ruskin University. The date of licensing will be Thursday 4th May 2023, 7.30pm at St. John's Church and will be by Archdeacon Mike.

Could all the bakers out there please make some cakes for the Taize Service on Sunday. Many thanks.

There will be a confirmation Service on the 4th June. If you have not been confirmed and would like to be, then please speak to Stephanie.

There is a group of 26 heading to Walsingham 1-3rd September! Total cost pp is £149, of which we have so far paid the £10 deposit. If you would prefer to pay the remainder of the balance (£139 pp) in instalments you may do so by online transfer to "Widford PCC" or by cash/cheque in an envelope labelled "Walsingham". Deadline for the full amount is 12th June 2023! Looking forward!

Thank you to all those who helped with the World Day of Prayer service last Friday 3rd March!

| Mon 13th | Hope Café/Soft Play <5yrs> | 9am-12.00 | Parish Centre |
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| Mon 13th | Bridge Club | 1pm-4.15pm | Parish Centre |
| Mon 13th | Rainbows | 4:30-5.30pm | Parish Centre |
| Tues 14th | Hope Café/Soft Play <5yrs> | 9am-12.00 | Parish Centre |
| Tues. 14th | Homework Club | 3.15-5.15pm | Westlands Lounge |
| Tues 14th | Bible Trek | 7.30-9.15pm | Westlands Lounge |
| Wed 15th | Morning Prayer | 9.15am | Prayer Room CHS |
| Wed 15th | Lunch Club | 1pm-2:15pm | Parish Centre |
| Wed 15th | Wednesday Fellowship | 2:15pm-4pm | Westlands Lounge |
| Wed 15th | Music Practice | 7.30-9.00pm | CHS |
| Thurs 16th | Widford Waddlers | 10.00-12.00 | Widford Vill. Hall |
| Thurs 16th | Beechlands Ladies | 2.00-4.00pm | CHS |
| Thurs 16th | Homework Club | 3.15-5.15pm | Westlands Lounge |
| Thurs 16th | Art Club | 6.00-10.00 | Parish Centre |
| Thurs 16th | Choir | 7-8pm | CHS |
| Fri. 17th | Hope Café/Soft Play <5> | 10.00-12.00 | Parish Centre |
| Fri. 17th | Craft Club | 3.30-4.30pm | Parish Centre |
| Fri. 17th | Travelling Well Together | 7.00pm | Westlands Lounge |
| Sat 18th | Art Club | 9.30-2.00 | Parish Centre |
| Sat. 18th | Youth Group | 7.00-8.30pm | Parish Centre |
| Sun 19th | Holy Communion | 9.30am | St. Mary's |
| Sun 19th | Morning Praise | 11.00am | CHS |

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Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess
Thursday: Shirley
Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 12th, those living in, Hainault Grove and Harewood Road, also, Rev.
Stephanie and Roger and Rosalynd and Tony, 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: The Edapals (Ali, Keshule and family)

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??

