

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

## **Welcome to our Services on Palm Sunday**



Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Hosanna in the highest!*

MATTHEW 21:9

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

**Praise and Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am**

**Readings. Philippians 2. 5-11 and Mark 11. 1-11**

*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. Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way to the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

It will soon be time for the APCM. Please can you send reports in to the office for the annual report. The APCM will take place at CHS on Sun 21st April at 11:25am. To be eligible to vote you must be on the Electoral Roll. Please fill out a form or see Shirley to join by 7th April.

There will be a service on Maundy Thursday at St Mary's, 7:30pm. Stephanie is leading and David Cattle is preaching.

Good Friday Walk of Witness will meet at CHS at 9.15am, to walk into town for the service which begins at 11am.

Our united Easter Sunday dawn service will be taking place this year at St Michael's, beginning in the copse area @ 5:45am! Pastries and porridge will follow!

A message from Bob, it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate small Easter Eggs for the hunt on Easter Sunday at both churches. Many thanks

At St. Mary's on Easter Sunday there will be bacon rolls served before the service and following the service, hot cross buns!

Bethany, who helps at craft club, is taking part in a craft fair on Sunday 24th March at the bowls club in Tower Gardens. Entry is free. Open from 10.00am—4.00pm. Come along and support Beth and the other crafters.

On Friday 12th April we are having a quiz night to fundraise for CCTV installation at both our churches. Tickets will be £5, 7pm for 7:30pm start at CHS. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

A snapshot of Saturday's Messy Church Easter!



## Holy Week Readings, written by Bishop Guli

Monday 25th March at St. Luke's, 7.00pm "Father Forgive" written by Bishop Guli.

Tuesday 26th March at St Luke's, 2.00pm, "Today you will be with me in Paradise", written by Bishop Guli.

Wednesday 27th March at Church of the Holy Spirit, 9.30am, "Here is your son.....here is your mother", written by Bishop Guli

Friday 29th at St. Mary's, 4.00pm, "My God my God, why have you forsaken me?" written by Bishop Guli.

**You are welcome to any of the above. Have a blessed Holy Week. Stephanie.**

Mon 25th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 25th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 25th	Reading	7.00pm	St. Lukes
Tues 26th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 26th	Reading	2.00pm	St. Lukes
Tues 26th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 26th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Wed 27th	Reading	9.30am	CHS
Wed 27th	Morning Prayer	9.15	CHS
Wed 27th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 27th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 27th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 28th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 28th	Maundy Thursday Service	7.30-8.30pm	St. Mary's
Fri 29th	Walk of Witness	9.15am	CHS
Fri 29th	Reading	4.00pm	St. Mary's
Sun 31st	Dawn Service	5:45am	St Michael's
Sun 31st	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 31st	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS

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Mr Bob Wiseman (St Mary's)

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*Monday:* Bob  
*Tuesday (Churchtalk):* Barbara O  
*Wednesday:* Jess  
*Thursday:* Shirley + Val  
*Friday:* Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 24th,  
those living in, St. Catherines Road  
and St. Peters Road, also Ann and  
Sylvia, 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](mailto: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:

**Hugh Pilcher (Jesus loves the  
little children) in Uganda**

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out the church's  
website at  
[www.widfordparish.com](http://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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