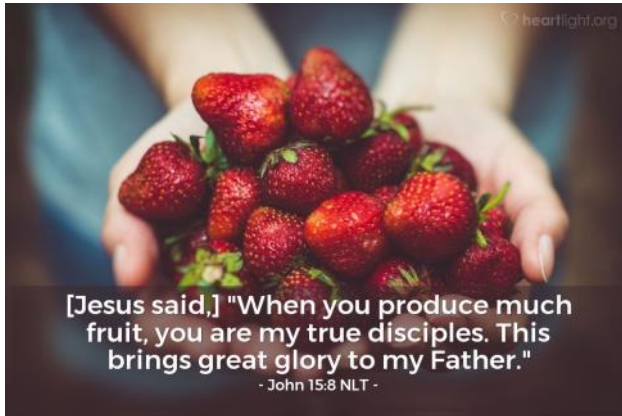


Welcome to our Services



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

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

Readings. [Act 8. 26-end](#) and [John 15. 1-8](#)

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. Easter 5

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Next Messy Church will be Saturday 27th April.

News from Keshule Edapal: the beehives are in and the roof is on a brand new church building in Turkana province! So much has been achieved in the last four weeks!



This week's Eco Tip(s) ... reduce waste, reuse and recycle!

- ♦ **Why not have a look on the Olio app to see what you can give or receive for free... it features both food or non-food items!**
- ♦ **Have you joined "Too good to go"? Find some of your favourite cafes and restaurants and pick up a bag of left over food at a fraction of the cost! Download the app on your phone :)**
- ♦ **Why not have a look on vinted (app or website) for second hand shoes, clothes, bags. Buying second hand is better for the environment. You can even collect your items from the Lockers on Forest Drive to receive a reduced shipping cost!**

The Youth group is hoping to do another "Safari Supper" on Saturday 15th June. If you would be happy to host us for a course of a meal, please speak to Jess or Stephanie! It is a great way for our youth to meet other members of the church and for you to get to know them!

On Monday 13th May, there will be a "Bring and buy" sale at Hope Café, from 10am, with proceeds to Christian Aid.

This is at the start of Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid is an organisation that works all over the world to try to eradicate poverty.



Westlands have asked us if we would restart our “Open the Book” assemblies. These would take place on Wednesday mornings (from 9am). Rehearsals would be short and take place after church on Sundays at CHS. Some of you signed up to be on team before COVID, but we only did one assembly before the schools closed for the lockdown. We (Jess, Colin, Shirley, Joan and Andy) did the storm on the lake. Open the Book provide all the scripts, we provide the actors and the props/costumes. Please speak to Jess if you would like to be involved, and we can determine whether we can go ahead, and how often (weekly/fortnightly/monthly).



[Open the Book - Bible Society](#)

Mon 29th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 29th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 29th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 30th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 30th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 30th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 1st	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 1st	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 1st	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 1st	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 1st	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 2nd	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 2nd	Polling Day	All Day	Parish Centre
Thurs 2nd	Homework Club	3.15-5.00om	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 2nd	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 3rd	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat 4th	Come and Play	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sat 4th	Youth Alpha	7.00-8.30pm	Westlands Lounge
Sun 5th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 5th	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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<i>Monday:</i>	Bob
<i>Tuesday (Churchtalk):</i>	Barbara O
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Jess
<i>Thursday:</i>	Shirley+Val
<i>Friday:</i>	Barbara J

Let us remember today, the 28th April, those living in, Widford Chase and Widford Close, also, Nicola, Matt and family & The Wisemans, from our Parish prayer directory. Also at this time, Lisa and family.

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 [07368136770](tel:07368136770) for specific prayer requests.

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

[Mary Wood Trust](#)

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??



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