

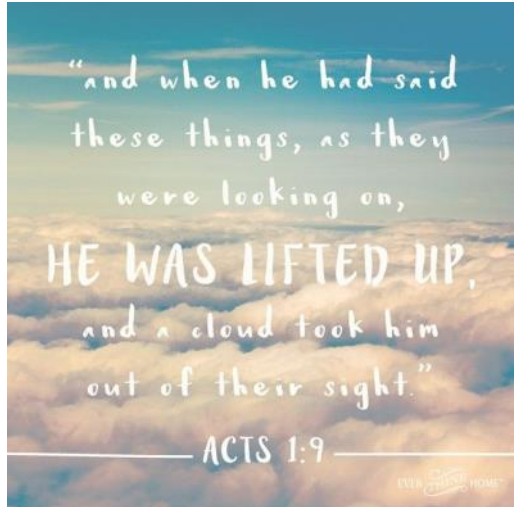
**Welcome to our**  
**Services**

**Thursday 13th May**

**Ascension Day Service,  
7:30pm at St Mary's**

**Sunday 16th May**

**Holy Communion at  
St. Mary's, 9.30am**



**Morning Praise at Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am**

Readings: [Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end](#) [John 17: 6-19](#)

All 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

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal And Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map

These publications cover the period of Ascension Day and Pentecost, 13th to 23rd May. If you would like a copy please let Stephanie know.



**The Church Directory** is about to be updated, if your details have changed, if you would like to be added or if you no longer wish to be included could you let the office know please, either by email or good old pen and paper!! Thank you.

### ***Have you got into baking this last year? Have you tried any yummy new recipes?***

Jess is going to compile another Widford Parish Recipe Book, the previous one was very popular. If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share please pass them to Jess



Everyone has a favourite Bible verse - or maybe you have a few! It would be great to encourage each other by sharing! If you'd like to write or email a couple of lines to the office (or Jess) with a favourite verse and what it means to you, or a verse that has spoken to you.

### ***John 14. 1-2***

*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

These verses remind me there is a place for everyone in heaven, whoever you are.

### **Reg Blowers**



**Jodi and her family have been growing their cress seeds from Messy Church! - egg and cress sandwiches anyone?**

As some of you will know, we are hoping to have a **Soft Play and Café** in CHS, it is part of our Vision 2020,.

We will be serving Fairtrade drinks free for 1 month! (21st April-21st May)

If you would be willing to give some time, either to setting up from 8:15am, making the drinks (in big flasks) or serving and chatting to passers-by until 10:45am, or all of the above!

Please speak to one of the team — Stephanie, Jess, Barbara , Tammy, Peter or Zoe.

The number of volunteers we have will determine how many days we can run each week. Once we have a few volunteers we will prepare a rota. We hope to hear from you! **Thank you!**



Last Saturday the youth group enjoyed a campfire at St Mary's. Colin helped us to cook jacket potatoes and chocolate bananas on the fire, we also made s'mores and sang some songs! We hope to do this again soon!



**We all go shopping and many of us shop online... if that's you, then please consider going to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to raise money as you shop.**

**It will cost you nothing and everything you buy this way will produce some income for the parish. Just choose Widford Parish as the cause that you want to raise money for!**



Thurs.20th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-11.30	Widford Village Hall
Fri. 21st	Living in Love and Faith	7.30pm	Zoom
Sat 22nd	Youth Group	7-8:30pm	CHS
Sun. 23rd	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun. 23rd	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS
Sun. 23rd	Baptism	3.00pm	CHS

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

Let us remember today, the 16th, those living in Longacre and London Road also Valerie Hayward and Lynette Hunwicks, 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 [07847 875611](tel:07847875611) for specific prayer requests.

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

### Daylight Christian Trust

<https://daylightcpt.org/>

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

And <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/>

Have you checked 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??



If you have missed any services, you can catch up here:  
<https://widfordparish.com/services-in-lockdown>, you will be directed to our YouTube page.

