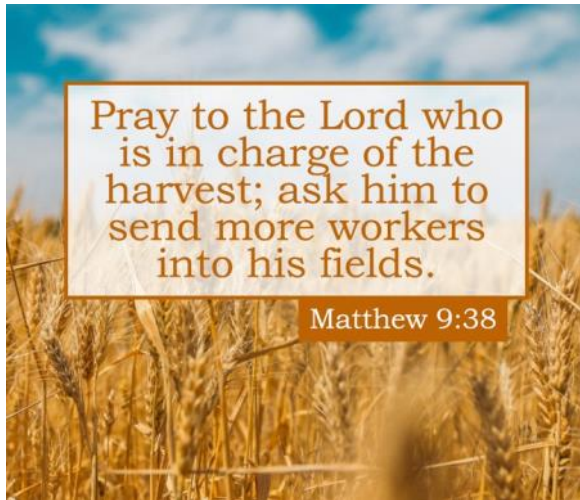


Sunday 15th September 2024

Welcome to our Services **Harvest Sunday**



Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

**Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit,
10.30am**

Readings. [Joel 2.21-27](#) and [Matthew 6.25-33](#)

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

There will be our usual Cream Tea at St. Mary's 14th September, this is a call out for cakes and goodies please also for helpers to serve tea and coffee! As an added bonus there will be non-alcoholic sparkling wine! (Thank you Daniel and Coralie!)

This year we will be continuing to support Chelmsford Food Bank. Please see the separate list included with this Churchtalk and bring your donations next Sunday or drop off at the office during the week.

For those who wish to support Chess Night Shelter please place any monetary donations in an envelope marked CHESS in the collection.



Recently we had a picnic and prayer afternoon at St Michael's. One of the Widford stations was making little flower posies of blessing to leave on car's or give to neighbours. It was a lovely afternoon of fellowship with our friends from SWCCs and we had two talks from Adam, the Bishop of Bradwell!

For our September all age service @ St Mary's we will be celebrating "Animal Welfare Sunday", by having a pet blessing service and giving thanks for all the creatures of the world! We hope to register St M as an "Animal Friendly Church" as a further step towards Gold EcoChurch!



To reduce anxiety for small animals we ask that only dogs attend in person, but for other pets:

- ◆ Please bring a photo or an item belonging to them to receive a blessing!
- ◆ You can also bring a photo or item to remember a past animal companion.
- ◆ We will also be collected cat food/treats for Cats Protection in Galleywood.

Have you been confirmed, would you like to be confirmed? There is a confirmation service planned at St. Michael's in Galleywood on Sunday 20th October at 3pm. Please speak to Stephanie or one of the Wardens for more information on preparation classes.

Eco Tip.

One of the most straightforward sustainable gardening tips is creating your own compost. This is where your food and natural waste is re-used as organic fertilizer. You can compost food scraps from your kitchen, cooked or uncooked grains, coffee grounds, egg shells and garden scraps such as dead leaves and grass clippings. If you do need to buy compost aim for peat free, to help preserve UK peat bogs. (we have a compost bin in use at St M as part of our EcoChurch journey!)

Plan ahead for Tuesday 22nd October @ 7pm, to see the production of "If Prison Walls could speak"! Tickets £5.50 available from the church office — invite your friends!

Mon 16th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9,00-12,00	Parish Centre
Mon 16th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 16th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 17th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 17th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 18th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 18th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 18th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre/CHS
Wed 18th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 19th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 19th	Beechlands Ladies Grp	2.00-4.00pm	CHS
Thurs 19h	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	St. Mary's
Sat 21st	Messy Church	10am—Noon	Parish Centre
Sun 22nd	All Age — Pet Blessing!	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 22nd	Morning worship	10.30am	CHS

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<i>Thursday:</i>	Shirley+Val
<i>Friday:</i>	Barbara J

Let us remember today, the 15th September, those living in, Joseph Place and Links Drive, also, Barbara & Alan and Sandra K, 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 [07368136770](tel:07368136770) for specific prayer requests.

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

Chess (Homeless Shelter in Chelmsford)

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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