

Sunday 17th September 2023

## Welcome to our Services



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

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

**Readings. Exodus 14. 19-end and Matthew 18. 21-35**

**We welcome today, the Family and Friends for the Baptism of**

**Munachimso, William Okpala, at St. Mary's, 9.30am  
also**

**Edward, Andrew, John Harper at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1.30pm**

*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 Trinity 15**

**Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**You will have heard the news on Sunday that my role will change again from November this year.**

**I will remain Rector to this Parish, and will continue with my role working with deaf people in the Diocese. However, I will be giving up my Chaplaincy role at the college (half a day) and taking on being Priest in Charge of St Lukes, Moulsham (half a day).**

**I hope that we will continue with our positive relationship with the college and that students will still come to work in Hope cafe.**

**Over the years I have spent time with my colleagues Sidra (Muslim chaplain) and Alex (Buddhist chaplain). We have planned 'welcomes' and events together. We have held cake sales for charity, celebrated Religious festivals, organised costume days and taught occasional lessons linked to our different faiths. One year we had a drop in lunch time group, and some Posada dolls toured the college.**

**After a few years I was able to secure a Prayer/ interfaith room, which holds artefacts from all the faiths, prayers and CD's. A quiet escape. I have met many students who have experienced a bereavement and was able to offer them support, and caught up with deaf students now and again. I have worked under the umbrella of Student Support and so have many colleagues to be thankful to for their support in including us in plans and activities. Then there is Joy, who is ever creative, designing posters etc and John in the copy shop, even running a spell check. I am grateful for them all. I wish them all lots of love and God's blessing. Stephanie**

### **Friends of Essex Churches: Ride & Stride, 9th September, 2023**

**Widford Parish joined in the day – Paula cycled, Zoe and Pam walked, Cindy, Joey, Linda and Geoff, Shirley, Vicky and Barbara welcomed visitors. Then, St. Mary's hosted lots of us, providing a delicious Cream Tea and Stephanie led a short service of Compline. All in all, generous donations and sponsorship meant that we have been able to send off £203.76 to Friends of Essex Churches (half of this will be returned for use here in Widford) Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to a delightful occasion (especially those that supplied cakes etc. you never disappoint).**

Harvest this year will be on the 24th September and as usual we will give all food contributions to the Food Bank, and any money donations will go to CHESS. A full list of items needed is at the back of the churches.



**Meadgate Church**  
Presents a  
**BARN DANCE**

7th October 7pm-10pm

Live Band  
Dinner  
Do-Si-Do

ADULTS - £10  
CHILD - £5  
Bring your own drinks!

The Orchards  
Mascalls way  
CM2 7NS

Tickets available from The Orchards Cafe or from Kirsty or Pat in the office

Mon 18th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 18th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Mon 18th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 19th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 19th	Homework Club	3.15-5.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 19th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	Widford Lounge
Wed 20th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed 20th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 20th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 20th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 21st	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill.Hall
Thurs 21st	Art Society	10.00-3.00	Parish Centre
Thurs 21st	Beechlands Ladies Group	2.00-4.00pm	CHS
Thurs 21st	Homework Club	3.15-5.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 21st	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	St. Mary's
Fri 22nd	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat. 23rd	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 24th	All Age Worship	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 24th	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 17th, those living in, Mary Munion Quarter and Miami House, also, John M. and Colin and Tracy, 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:

### 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](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??

