

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Welcome to our Services



Pet Blessing (All Age), St. Mary's, 9.30am

Readings: [Job 12:7-10](#), [Isaiah 11:6-9](#)

[Matt 6:26](#), [Luke 12:6](#), [Colossians 1:15-17](#)

Morning Worship, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: [Proverbs 31:10-end](#) and [Mark 9:30-37](#)

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 for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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 collecting cat food/treats for Cats Protection.

THANK YOU to all who kept a welcome at the churches for the Ride and Stride last Saturday, it was great to be able to meet so many people! Thank you to everyone involved in preparing, cooking and coming to our cream tea and compline service at St Mary's and lastly, thank you to all who sponsored the striders this year (we will receive half of the funds back to our parish!)



A big thankyou for all your food donations for Harvest last week, in aid of Chelmsford Foodbank.

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.

!! PLEA FOR WHITE GOODS for a family in our community:

- Fridge/freezer
- Tumble dryer
- Dishwasher



If you have any of these you no longer need, please speak to Daniel.

**This month's Messy Church is taking place on Saturday
21st September from 10am to 12 noon.**



Eco Tip

**Did you know you can make your own natural cleaners by mixing clear vinegar, lemon juice and sodium bicarb? This sustainable and cheaper alternative reduced toxic chemics and packaging waste in your home!
OR To reduce plastics—you could buy ocean saver pods to refill your used spray bottles, just add water! Sold in most supermarkets.**

**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!**

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| Mon 23rd | Hope Café/Soft Play<5> | 9am – noon | Parish Centre |
| Mon 23rd | Bridge Club | 1pm - 4pm | Parish Centre |
| Mon 23rd | Rainbows | 4.30 - 5.30pm | Parish Centre |
| Tues 24th | Hope Café/Soft Play<5> | 9am - noon | Parish Centre |
| Tues 24th | Bible Trek | 7.30 - 9.15pm | CHS |
| Wed 25th | Morning Prayer | 9.15am | CHS |
| Wed 25th | Lunch Club | 1pm - 2:15pm | Parish Centre |
| Wed 25th | Wednesday Fellowship | 2.15pm - 4pm | Parish Centre/CHS |
| Wed 25th | Music Practice | 7:30pm - 9pm | CHS |
| Thurs 26th | Widford Waddlers | 10am -12noon | Widford Vill. Hall |
| Thurs 26th | Art Society | 7pm - 9pm | |
| Thurs 26th | Choir | 7pm - 8pm | St. Mary's |
| Sun 29th | Morning Prayer | 9.30am | St. Mary's |
| Sun 29th | Café Church | 10.30am | CHS |

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Day off Thursdays.

Churchwardens:-

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Mr Keith Schofield
Bob Wiseman (deputy — St M)

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Barbara Jones

Safeguarding Assistant

Mrs Karen Cooney

Caretaker:-

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The Parish Office and CHS:-

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

Let us remember today, the 22nd September, Keith and Sheila, & the Sayward-Jones', also those living in, Rossendale and Rothbury Road 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:

South Essex Wildlife Hospital

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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