

Sunday 12th November 2023

## Welcome to our Services

### Remembrance Day



Greater love  
has no one than this:  
to lay down one's life  
for one's friends.

**John 15:13**



**Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am**

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

**Readings. Psalm 70 and Matthew 25. 1-13**

**Celtic Service, St. Mary's. 4pm for 4.30pm**

**Please come! 😊**

*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. Third Sunday before Advent**

**God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Sunday 12th November there will be a Celtic worship at St. Mary's, please come along to support Ayesha as she shares her testimony of how she came to Christianity from Islam... her story shows how God can overcome obstacles that seem impassible and gives me goose bumps every time I hear it. Refreshments from 4pm, the service will start at 4:30pm!**

**Please don't forget to start digging out your nativity sets for our Advent Nativity Festival at St Mary's! Please remember to write a little blurb to go with it—how long you have had it/where it came from/what is special about it to you!**

**A message from Stephanie's neighbour, Louise —**

**"I have recently created a Facebook group called "Help for struggling families—Chelmsford, Essex" the group is a tool to enable us as a community to come together and help people and families who need support. We are all going through difficult financial times and want to offer support for those who need it most. Whether you're a single parent family or living alone and are struggling to put food on the table, cloth your children, there are people who are willing to help. Have you realized you can offering something to help a family? With Christmas on the horizon, it can be a very expensive time of year. Whatever your circumstances, we as a community can help. Don't be ashamed to reach out.**

**Some poppy crafts from last Friday at craft club!**



**Our next Messy Church is taking place on Saturday 18th November, and our theme is Gideon! God can solve conflict peacefully, and how we remember conflicts of the past to try to stop them happening again.**

**The Firework Display last Saturday at St. Mary's was spectacular, a huge thank you to all who made it a great success! For Colin, Bob and Dan for building the bonfire, Colin and Blake for managing the fireworks and bonfire and Linda and the Wisemans for serving food and drink inside!**



Mon 13th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 13th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 14th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 14th	Homework Club	3.15pm—4pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 14th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 15th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed 15th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 15th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 15th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 16th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Village Hall
Thurs 16th	Beechland Ladies	2.00-4.00pm	CHS
Thurs 16th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 16th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 17th	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat 18th	Messy Church	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sat 18th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 19th	Holy Communion/ Baptism	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 19th	Praise & Worship	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:* vacancy

Let us remember today, the 12th,  
those living in, Hainault Grove and  
Harewood Road, also, Paula G and  
Dan, Coralie, Joanne and Jennifer,  
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:

**CPAS (Christian Pastoral Aid  
Society)**

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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??



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