



**Sunday 26th November 2023** 

## **Welcome to our Services**

The King will reply,
"Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

All Age Worship, St. Mary's, 9.30am Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. Ezekiel 34. 11-16 and Matthew 25. 31-end

Induction service for Reverend Stephanie Gillingham, St. Lukes, 3.00pm

Sunday Services will continue to be streamed on facebook

CHS: https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/

St Mary's: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/">https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/</a>

## **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 the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

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! Can be dropped off at the church office during the week or at either church on Sundays, we will be meeting to decorate St Mary's in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Chelmsford College hope to be with us at the Hope Café on Tuesday 5th December, they have clay trees for people to decorate.

The Parish Christmas Cards are ready for delivery, could you please take a bundle or more!!! It would be greatly appreciated.

Members of Wednesday Fellowship invite you to join us at CHS, on 29th November, for a musical presentation by the New Shurig Folk

Group (featuring Sheila) Since it will be the day before St. Andrew's Day, there will be an emphasis on Scottish folk tunes. Do come (around 2.30pm) Pam

Our dear Joyce from St Mary's, died last Friday 17th November, at a grand age of 105! May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Details of her funeral will be published when we hear more.

This week at Hope Café was our busiest yet!

Please pray for all those who volunteer and for those we have come to know. As the winter draws in, we are offering free soup and a roll from 11am-12noon at Hope Café. We are also listed as being a place of Warm Welcome

## Join us for an ADVENTure

On Sunday 3rd December, 2.00 – 5.00pm, St. Luke's, Moulsham, there will be festive refreshments, craft activities, plant stall, lucky dip and Carol Service at 4.00pm. There is no entry charge but donations would be greatly appreciated. You are also invited to join Stephanie's induction service as Priest –in-charge of St Luke's. Sun 26th November at 3pm. Please RSVP to moulshamchurches@gmail.com

We have been given a defibrillator by Essex County Council via the Locality Funding Scheme, and Jude Deakin. It is available to the local community by calling 999. Roger kindly fitted this to the wall and it is now in service. We hope and pray that it does not need to be used, but

if it is, that it will save someone's life.. Peter





The Orchard's Café Christmas Market
(Mascalls Way), Tuesday 28th November
10am –2pm. For all your cards, crafts and
cakes in time for Christmas. All welcome!



Mon 27th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 27th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Mon 27th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 28th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12,00	Parish Centre
Tues 28th	Homework Club	3.15pm—4pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 28th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 29th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed 29th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 29th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 29th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 30th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Village Hall
Thurs 30th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 30th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Fri 1st	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat 2nd	Youth Group †mas dins	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 3rd	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 3rd	All Age Christingle	10.30am	CHS

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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#### Churchwardens:-

Mrs Barbara Jones (CHS) Mr Keith Schofield (CHS) Mr Bob Wiseman (St Mary's)

#### Caretaker:-

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## St Mary's Church

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#### The Parish Office and CHS:-

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The office is open Mon-Fri
9:30am—12:30pm, but the email
and phone is checked regularly.

t: <u>01245 355 989</u>

e: widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com

w: www.widfordparish.com

Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess

Thursday: Shirley + Val

Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 26th, those living in, Thetford Court and Waterhouse Lane, also, Tammy, Linda and Geoff, 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 <u>07368136770</u>
for specific prayer requests.
Please also remember in your prayers our tithe charities, this week:

## **Mary Wood Trust**

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And <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">stmaryswidford/</a>

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??

