

**Sunday 3rd December 2023** 

### **Welcome to our Services**

Advent Is Here!



Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

All Age Christingle, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. <u>Isaiah 64. 1-9</u> and <u>Mark 13. 24-end</u>

Sunday Services will continue to be streamed on facebook

CHS: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/">https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/</a>

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. First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 after the service on Sunday 3rd. 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. If you are able to help, particularly on 4th and 5th December, we would like to hear from you!

#### 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.

The first of our Carols Services will be at St. Mary's on the 10th December, 4.30pm, followed by CHS on the 17th December at 6.30pm.









Last Friday at craft club we had fun making Christmas wreaths...

Dear Readers, As we go to print return of the Vestry door to St.Mary's is imminent. We hope and pray for the repairs to the main door to be completed before Christmas. Much heat is being lost through the gaps.



Mon 4th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12,00	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Dementia Café	1.00-4.00pm	CHS
Tues 5th	Homework Club	3.15pm—4pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 5th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 6th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed 6th	Friendship Group	9.30-12.00am	CHS
Wed 6th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 6th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 6th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 7th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00am	Widford Village Hall
Thurs 7th	Homework Club	3.15-5.00pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 7th	Art Society	6.00-10.00pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 7th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	CHS
Sat 9th	Come & Play	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sun 10th	Carol by Candlelight	4.30pm	St. Mary's
Sun 10th	Praise & Worship	10.30am	CHS

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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#### Churchwardens:-

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#### 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: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 3rd, those living in, Beeches Close and Beeches Crescent, also, Lionel and Reg and Daphne, 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:

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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??

