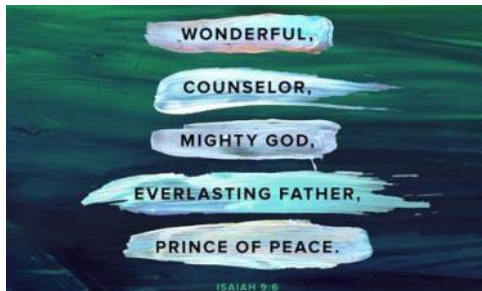


Welcome to our Services



**Quieter Reflective Christmas Service of
Holy Communion at St Mary's, 9:30am**

Readings: [Isaiah 7:10-16](#) and [Matthew 1:18-end](#)



**Candlelit Carol Service, CHS 6:30pm
Followed by mince pies & hot drinks**

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 for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The last Hope Café before Christmas is this Monday 19th December 9am—12 noon.

Free soup and roll 11am– 12 noon =)

Have you got a slow cooker? Would you like to try one? Please speak to Jess, Daniel or Peter.



You'd need to use your 160W slow cooker for around 15 hours and 42 minutes to match just one hour with your electric oven.

Bible Trek will recommence Tuesday 3rd January, 7:30pm—9:15pm when we will be looking at Jesus, Joseph and Mary's escape to Egypt when Jesus was a small child.

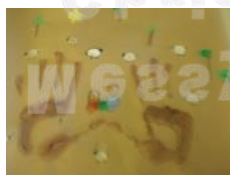
Please remember to use [easyfundraising](#) when you do your Christmas and other online shopping this year. Over 7,000 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Widford Parish. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food. These donations really help us and all you have to do is click this link [easyfundraising](#) when you are ordering. So far we have raised over £50. Thank you and God Bless. Peter.

On Wednesday 21st December, between 11am-1pm, we will be giving out Loaves and Prayer Trees outside CHS to anyone that would like them. We need volunteers to help with this outreach please. Lisa

The Choir is going to sing carols at Thetford Court on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm. It would be lovely if people from the congregation could join us and bring mince pies to share with the residents. Jess

The licensing service for Revd Suzanne McAllister as Associate Priest to St. Luke's Moulsham, will be led by Archdeacon Mike Power, on Sunday 15th January 2023, 4pm at St Luke's, Gloucester Avenue. Do go along to support Rev'd Suzanne!

A big thank you to all who donated items for our Christmas collection for the Little Edi Foundation. Bob and Jane dropped off our donations last week and they were gratefully received. They will be distributed amongst needy families in Chelmsford to help them stay warm this winter.



A Messy Church Christmas!

Mon 19th	Hope Café & Soft play (Pre school children)	9am-12.00 noon	Parish Centre
Mon 19th	Bridge Club	1pm- 4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 21st	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room CHS
Wed 21st	Carols at Thetford Court	7pm	TC Common Room
Thurs 22nd	Choir	7-8pm	CHS
Sat 24th	Crib Service	4pm	CHS
Sat 24th	Midnight Communion	11:30pm	St Mary's
Sun 25th	Christmas Service	10am	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
Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, 18th, those
living in, Milburn Crescent and
Moulsham Thrift, also Pam, Zoe and
Elizabeth, 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:

Little Edi Foundation

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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??