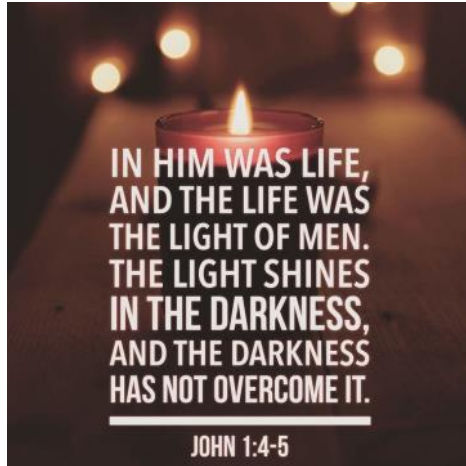


Sunday 24th December 2023



Welcome to our Services



All Age Crib Service, Church of the Holy Spirit, 4.30pm

Midnight Communion, St. Mary's, 11.00pm

Readings. Deuteronomy 8. 7-18 and Luke 12. 16-30

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. Christmas Eve

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect. (31st December)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Training for use of the Defibrillator will be organized for those who wish to take part.

Watch out for dates from January onwards.

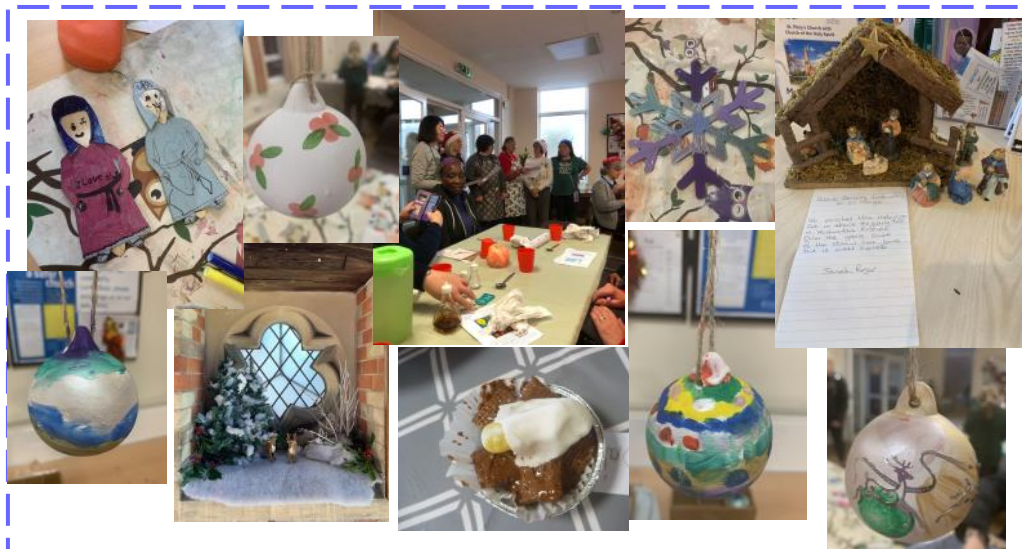
This can be life or death, you could save a life.



Epiphany shared lunch at CHS on Sunday 7th January, 2023 from 12:30pm. There will be a selection of hot meals and an Epiphany cake to share!

We shall be having two Quiz Nights in 2024, the first is on Friday 12th January, the second Friday 12 April. Please put these dates in your diaries and start inviting family and friends. Exact details later but it will probably be 6.45pm for 7.00pm start with tickets at £7.50, which includes a Ploughman's. Tickets available from office before the event please, to accommodate the food. Make up tables of 6-8 or turn up on the night and join another table. Proceeds go towards the new Church Trailer. ALSO there will be a cake sale, plus we hope to hold an Auction during the break, so if you can offer a talent of something you are happy to do or donate something, please tell Alan J.





A very Widford Christmas (in pictures)



Fri 22nd	Youth Group	6:15pm—	Meet at CHS
Mon 25th	Christmas Day Service	10.00am	CHS
Sun 31st	United Service	10.00am	St. Mary's

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

Let us remember today, the 24th, those living in, St. Catherines Road and St. Peters Road, also Ann S. and Sylvia, 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:

Chess (Homeless shelter in Chelmsford)

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??

