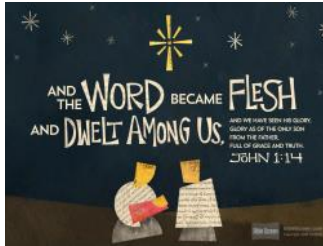




## Welcome to our Services



### Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th

Crib Service, Church of the Holy Spirit, 4pm

Midnight Communion, St. Mary's 11.30pm

### Christmas Day Sunday 25th

Christmas Service, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10am

### Sunday 1st January, 2023

Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings: Isaiah 63. 7-9 and Matthew 2. 13-end

*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 Christmas Day

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

### Collect for 1st January, Second Sunday of Christmas

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

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



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.

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!

### Christmas Eco tips:

Take off the sellotape from your wrapping paper before recycling!  
(glittery and shiny paper is not recyclable)

Cut up old cards to use for gift tags

Use less single use ribbons and bows

Recycle the cardboard from your crackers, the paper hats and jokes!

Hugh Pilcher has emailed us his latest newsletter, for Jesus Loves the Little Children. There is a copy available to read at the back of both churches. Please continue to pray for Hugh and all that the charity achieves for vulnerable people in Uganda, particularly over the Christmas period.



School Children have come to collect their Scholastic materials!

**Hope Café and the soft play will reopen on Monday 9th January 2023!**

**Next Messy Church is Saturday 21st January, planning on Monday 9th January at CHS @ 7pm.**

Mon 2nd	Closed Bank Holiday		
Tues. 3rd	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15	Westlands Lounge
Wed 4th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room CHS
Wed 4th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 4th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 5th	Choir	7-8pm	CHS
Fri 6th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 7th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 8th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 8th	All Age Worship	10.30am	CHS
Sun 8th	New Year Praise & Worship	4.00 for 4.30pm	St. Michael's Galleywood

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

Let us remember today, 25th, those  
living in, Stansted Close and Stewart  
Road, also Vicky and Emma and  
Toby, 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:

### Daylight Christian Trust (Prison Ministry)

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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??