

Welcome to our Services



**Praise and Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit,
10.30am**

Readings: [Isaiah 35. 1-10](#) and [Matthew 11. 2-11](#)

Carols by Candlelight, St. Mary's, 4.30pm

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 14th December. 3rd Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son, give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eco tip: Most wrapping paper is not easily recycled. Many shops (e.g Flying Tiger and Tesco) now sell fully recycled wrapping paper that is brown paper based, with lots of different designs. Consider also other ways to wrap without sellotape, such as brown paper- based tape or a natural twine.

“Messy Christmas” - Saturday 13th December, 10am-12 noon @ CHS, all ages welcome.



Chris' funeral will be taking place on Tuesday 6th January 11:30am at Chelmsford Crematorium.

DUST IT OFF ORCHESTRA !! Starting 13th January at CHS, 10.30am-12.30pm. Meeting fortnightly (13th & 27th Jan/10th & 24th February/ 24th March). String, woodwind and brass instruments. Any level, dust off your instruments!!

Would you like to be confirmed by Bishop Adam? We have a confirmation service coming up on 1st March 2026. Stephanie will be organising preparation classes, please speak to her or one of the wardens to join the group.

“I am grateful for my struggles because without them I would not have found my strengths.”

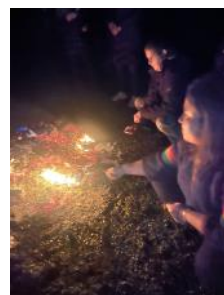
Upcoming Christmas Services:

- **Sunday 14th Dec - Carols by Candlelight @ St Mary's (4.30pm)**
 - **Sunday 21st Dec - Carols by Candlelight @ CHS (6:30pm)**
 - **Christmas Eve - Midnight Communion @ St Mary's (11pm)**
 - **Christmas Day - Morning Service @ CHS (10am)**
 - **Sunday 28th Dec - Epiphany Communion @ St Mary's (10am)**
- (usual services on 14th at CHS, 21st at St Mary's)*

We had a great time singing carols and toasting marshmallows around the bonfire on Saturday!

Then on Sunday, Bishop Guli led our United Advent service at St Mary's!

Thank you to all those who helped to decorate our church buildings so beautifully!



Mon 15th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9am-12 noon	Parish Centre
Mon 15th	Bridge Club	1pm-4pm	Parish Centre
Mon 15th	Rainbows	4.30pm-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 16th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9am-12 noon	Parish Centre
Tues 16th	Bible Trek	7.30pm -9.15pm	CHS
Wed 17th	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wed 17th	Lunch Club	1pm -2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 17th	Wednesday Fellowship	2:30pm - 4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 17th	Music Practice	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
Thurs 18th	Beechlands Ladies	2.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Fri 19th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 19th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	CHS/PC
Sat 20th	Dementia Group Christmas Party	10.30-6.00	CHS & Parish Centre
Sun 21st	Advent Holy Communion	9:30am	St Mary's
Sun 21st	Carols by Candlelight	6.30pm	CHS

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Barbara Jones

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Mon: Bob

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Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J



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Thank you!**



Let us remember today, the 14th, those living in, Beeches Close, Beeches Cres. and Hawkhurst Close, also, from our prayer directory, Laura and Matt and Maureen and Margaret.

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:-

Grassroots Trust Kyrgystan

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??



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