

## Welcome to our Services

*Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of  
Armies is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are the  
planting that was pleasing to  
him. Isaiah 5:7*



**Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am**

**Praise and Worship, CHS, 10.30am**

**Readings: [Isaiah 5: 1-7](#) and [Luke 12: 49-56](#)**

## 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 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### *Part 2 of Bob's article from last week...*

#### **A Century of Scouting linking Widford with Exeter...continued**

...He went on to say, he was publishing a small handbook on how to teach boys 'scouting.' They had to take to heart the lesson that big empires could fall. For instance, the Roman Empire, the Egyptian Empire, great nations that had fallen through bad citizenship and became the prey of other nations. It became incumbent upon everyone who had the slightest patriotism in him to earnestly help, in however small a way to turn the rising generation on to the right road for good citizenship. If this were done, then they would have good foundations for government of the future.

B-P offered his scheme as a possible aid towards putting on a positive footing the development-moral and physical-of boys of all creeds and classes and under the term of scouting he suggested instruction in the many invaluable qualities which went to make a good citizen equally with a good scout. In addition, deduction, chivalry, patriotism, personal hygiene, saving life and self-reliance.

The Union Jack meant something more than merely the union of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The present time they heard people talking a good deal about classes but when trouble came on the country down went the barriers and they stood shoulder to shoulder for the good of their land.

*Little did they know of the storm that was brewing across the Channel. Some 7 years later many of those 11- and 12-year-old boys found themselves fighting in the WW1. Perhaps scouting would have helped them to adjust to the terrible conditions they found themselves in and the horrors they saw. YMCA Exeter was in at the birth of scouting. Both were founded on the principles of Christian faith.*

*Changes have occurred over time but faith is still the foundation on which they stand. We now see scouting as an organisation which welcomes girls and boys. May both Scouting and YMCA Exeter be here in another 100 years. I have edited the narrative somewhat but hope you have found something of interest in it. Bob.*

*Acknowledgments: Dr. Tom Browne. And: Findmypast .*

**St Peter's Church South Hanningfield are holding a flower festival (Sat 6th—Mon 8th Sept) 12 noon—5pm on Saturday and Sunday. 11am-3pm Monday. At 5pm on Sunday there will be a songs of praise service.**



**Messy Church:-**

**Friday 22nd August 10am-12. The theme is Saul finds Jesus.**

**\*\*\*\*Copies of the new church directory are now available from Bob or Pam\*\*\*\***

**The next quilting session will be at St. Luke's on Saturday 30th August at 11am. All are welcome to come and join in. Stephanie and Barbara G.**

**The next united service with St Michael's and St Luke's will be Sunday 31st August at 1pm, St Michael's copse area. This is an outdoor event, so bring a picnic and come dressed for whatever the weather might throw at us!**

**Trip to Potter's Village 2026**

**If you are interested in visiting Potters Village next spring, and would like some more information about what that would entail, please contact Jess.**

***This week's diary:***

<b>Mon 18th</b>	Bridge Club	1pm-4pm	Parish Centre
<b>Wed 20th</b>	Music Practise	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	Messy Church	10am-12noon	CHS and PC
<b>Sun 24th</b>	Morning Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
<b>Sun 24th</b>	Praise and Worship	10:30am	CHS

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Keith Schofield

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### **Safeguarding Assistant**

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*Mon:* Bob

*Tues (Churchtalk):* Barbara O

*Weds:*

*Thurs:* Shirley+ Val

*Friday:* Barbara J

**Scan to Give**

**Thank you!**



Let us remember on Sunday 17th August: Ashtree Crescent and Ashtree Close also, from our Parish prayer directory: Sandra and Amy.

**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:-

[Tearfund](#)

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out the church's  
website at



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