

## Welcome to our Services



**All Age Worship, St. Mary's, 9.30am**

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

**Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 and Luke 13: 10-17**

### 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 10th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Holiday month at St Mary's - Poem by Shirley, The Parish Poet!**

Bob's working party tackled weeds  
And other jobs galore.  
Fearless Tammy climbed a ladder  
To work above the floor.



Daniel, the unseen pianist,  
Kept the music flowing  
Though absent in Corfu? Skegness?  
Lost where he was going!

Thanks to Jess and her expertise,  
Remotely to compile  
Lo, *Churchtalk* appeared each week  
With a different style.

**FOCUS**



Those who celebrated birthdays  
Shared delicious cakes  
Clearing up the crumbs? Alfie's tongue  
Is ready, all it takes.

Stephanie and Roger have left  
us for a while, may they  
enjoy happy days of leisure,  
on Wight's green, peaceful Isle.



On the last day of August we're  
united once again,  
With St Luke's in St Michael's copse  
Praying there is no rain!

## DATES FOR AUGUST

### Messy Church:-

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

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!

## GENERAL NOTICES

### *Trip to Potter's Village 2026 (21st March—5th April)*

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

### *Update from Ali and Keshule (Kenyan ministry)*

*Keshule will be spending Christmas with family in Lodwar, he will be meeting with each pastor for prayer, support and encouragement. He will also spend time with students to mentor and inspire them and participate in a youth meeting! Please pray for travelling mercies.*

**Some praise points:**

- 3/7 church buildings have been built*
- Honey production is underway, with more training needed for harvesting!*
- Several students continue with their studies at different levels (primary school through to graduating university!)*

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

<b>Mon 25th</b>	BANK HOLIDAY		
<b>Wed 27th</b>	Music Practise	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
<b>Sun 31st</b>	Holy Communion	9:30am	St Mary's
<b>Sun 31st</b>	Holy Communion	10:30am	CHS
<b>Sun 31st</b>	United Service outdoors + bring picnic	1pm—	St Michael's Galleywood

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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### **Churchwardens:-**

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Keith Schofield

### **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Barbara Jones

### **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 24th August: Wood Street and London Road also, from our Parish prayer directory: Keith & Sheila and Hilary & Paul.

**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:-

[Open Doors](#)

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And <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/>



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