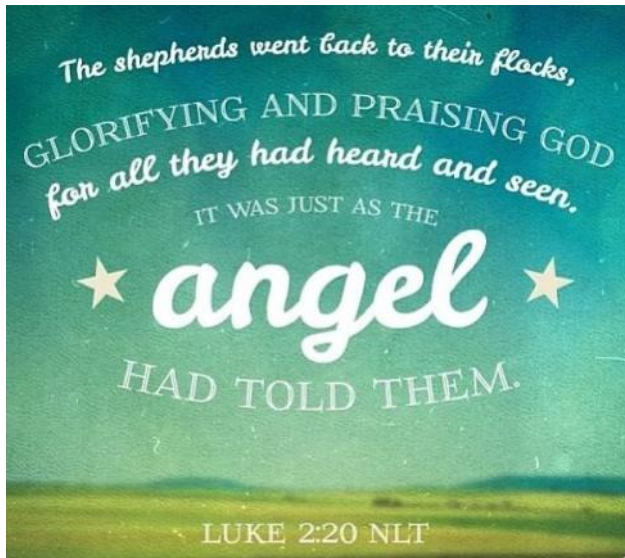


Welcome to our Services



1st Sunday of Christmas
Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 10am

Readings: [Numbers 6. 22-end](#) and [Luke 2. 15-21](#)

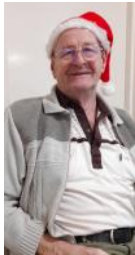
WIDFORD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT PRAYER

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 Sunday 28th December. 1st Sunday of Christmas

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.

Lunch Club had their Christmas Dinner. Here are a few photos, A great time was had by all. With big thanks to Sheila, Pam and all others who make Lunch Club a welcoming place for all.



Christmas Eco-top: Helping your feathered friends.

How can you help your garden birds in the winter months?

- **Unsalted peanuts (good for fat reserves)**
- **Sunflower hearts (high energy)**
- **Mealworms (protein, especially when insects are scarce)**
- **Suet /fat balls (high in fat and good for small birds such as robins and blue-tits)**

For cheaper bird foods, you can go to Home Bargains, B&M, Aldi and Poundland...

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.

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

Chris' funeral will be taking place on Tuesday 6th January at 11.30am at Chelmsford Crematorium. We hope to have a fitting celebration of his life in the New Year.



We had a lovely carols by candlelight service at CHS last Sunday evening.

A note from the church office:

The office is closed now until Monday 5th January. If you have anything urgent, send an email to widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com and Bob will continue to check it regularly.

Wed 24th	Midnight Communion	11pm	St Mary's
Thurs 25th	Christmas Day Service	10am	CHS
Sun 28th	Epiphany Communion	10am	St Mary's
Wed 31st	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Sun 4th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Mary's
Sun 4th	All Age Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Tues (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 28th, those living in, Nabbott Road and Windsor Way, also, from our prayer directory, Kevin, Katherine and Libby & Valerie W.

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:-

Open Doors

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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