

Welcome to our Services



1st Sunday of Advent!

Advent Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44

Christingle, CHS, 10:30am

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

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 30th November—1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Eco tip: Did you know that cat saliva is poisonous to birds and other small mammals? They need antibiotics right away in order to survive, luckily we have two great wildlife rescues in Essex ([Maldon Wildlife Rescue](#) and [South Essex Wildlife Hospital](#)—also one of our tithe charities for this year!)

St Michael's, Galleywood is holding a Christmas Tree festival on Saturday 29th November (10am-4pm) and Sunday 30th November (12noon-4pm)

Advent Procession—Chelmsford Cathedral
Sunday 30th November, 6pm-7pm

Why not start the Christmas season by candlelight with readings and music sung by the Cathedral Choir?
The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Last few places for wreath workshops running at St Luke's, Gloucester Ave: Sun 30/11 (2-4pm), Fri 05/12 (7-9pm), Sat 06/12 (11am-1pm), Sun 07/12 (2-4pm). £45 pp, drinks and nibbles provided. Contact 07810 308218/

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**HOW DO PEOPLE
START ATTENDING
CHURCH?**

A FRIEND INVITED ME - 86%
ORGANIZED VISITATION - 6%
PASTOR INVITE - 6%
ADVERTISING - 2%

PEOPLE BRING PEOPLE!

Bishop Guli (Bishop of Chelmsford) is visiting our Parish on Sunday 7th December. There will be a united service at St Mary's, 10am.

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





Do invite your neighbours and friends for our informal carol singing around the bonfire at St Mary's! Saturday 6th December from 4pm!

There will be hot chocolate, mulled juice and maybe even some s'mores!!!

Mon 1st	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9am-12 noon	Parish Centre
Mon 1st	Bridge Club	1pm-4pm	Parish Centre
Mon 1st	Rainbows	4.30pm-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 2nd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9am-12 noon	Parish Centre
Tues 2nd	Dementia Group	1pm-4pm	CHS
Tues 2nd	Bible Trek	7.30pm -9.15pm	CHS
Wed 3rd	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wec 3rd	B. Friendship Group	10am - 12 noon	CHS
Wed 3rd	Lunch Club	1pm -2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 3rd	Wednesday Fellowship	2:30pm - 4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 3rd	Music Practice	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
Thurs 4th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Fri 5th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 5th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	CHS/PC
Sat 6th	Come and Play	9:30–11:30am	Parish Centre
Sat 6th	Carols around the bonfire	4pm - 6pm	St Mary's
Sun 7th	United Service with Bishop Guli	10am	St Mary's

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Keith Schofield

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Barbara Jones

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Mon: Bob

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Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J



**Scan to Give
Thank you!**



Let us remember today, the 30th, those living in, Whitebeam Close and Miami House, also, from our prayer directory, Jess & Alfie and Chris & Jean.

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:-

[**Potter's Village children's rescue centre \(Kisoro, Uganda\)**](#)

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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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