



Churchtalk

Newsletter No. 1044 23rd December 2018



*Welcome to our
services today*



Reflective Christmas Service, St. Mary's, 9.30 am

Candlelight Carol Service at
Church of the Holy Spirit, 6.30pm



Christmas Eve



Church of the Holy Spirit, 3.00pm
All Age Service



St. Mary's 11.00pm Midnight Communion

See inside for Christmas day



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Coffee Rota for CHS

23rd Dec. Valerie
30th Dec. Barbara

Coffee Rota for St. Marys

23rd Dec. Janet & Barbara
30th Dec. Barbara & Beryl

Cleaning at CHS (week beginning)

24th Dec. Barbara
31st Dec. Lisa

Cleaning at St. Marys

28th Dec. Shirley & Janet

The First Sunday of Christmas

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

All Age Christmas Eve Service,
3.00pm at CHS.

Midnight Communion at St. Mary's, 24th December. **11.00pm**
(New time)

Christmas Day Family Service,
10.00am at CHS. Bring one of your presents to show.

United S.W. Chelmsford Churches Service, 10.00am, 30th December at St. Mary's. Cakes please.



For information about other events in Chelmsford, click [here](#)

Dates for your diary

Prayer Breakfast, 19th January 2019, 9.30am—12.30pm. Free admission. This will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit and is open to both men and women. Flyers at back of church.

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CTiC Breakfast Meetings at Toby Carvery, Dukes Lane 8:30am 1st Wednesday, and 3rd Thursday each month, to build relationships and together discover what God is doing in our City.

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The Most Reverend Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury, will be visiting Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 13th January at 3.00pm. All are welcome and there is no need to book, but suggest you get there early!!.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS to All visitors, we would love to see you again in 2019.

Other notices

Women's Fellowship.

Pat Deal has organized and led the Women's Fellowship since 2003. She would like to retire from the leadership. Is God calling you into this role? Could you be part of a team helping to organize this group? Please speak to Pat or Stephanie.

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There is an **Advent Booklet** available in each church called '**Follow the Star**'. One per family please. A donation of 50p will cover the cost of your booklet and another 50p will pay for us to give one to a visitor. Thank you for your help and support. Stephanie

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For Sale

3 seater cream sofa, in good condition. Location near CHS.
Tel:- 01245 260951, Mel.

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The parish office is closed from 24th December to 2nd January.

For any urgent matters please contact Stephanie, Andy or one of the churchwardens, or send an email to

widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com

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Monday 9.15 - 11.45am

Tuesday to Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm

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Both churches have hearing loops.



Let us pray

Please pray for Andy Clifford,
Brenda Cottrell and Grant Adams.

Let us also remember today, the
23rd, those living in Priory Close
and Ashford Road. (Prayer Diary)

For inclusion here please let,
Stephanie, Andy, or one of the
wardens know, or send a
message to

widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com

headed "Prayer request".

There is also a **Prayer Chain** via
Text message on 07847 875611
for specific prayer requests.

Would you like to give but have

no cash? If you have a mobile
phone you can give by sending a
text... Text **WIDF02** followed
by amount to give e.g. **WIDF02**
£5' to **70070** to give £5. (the 0 is a
Zero).

Are you on Facebook or Twitter? Used sensibly these social media platforms can be a useful way of sharing what God is doing in our lives, and advertising forthcoming events Why don't you link up and connect online?

At https://twitter.com/widford_parish



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??