

This coming Sunday 12th July,  
there will be a service of

[Morning Prayer](#) at 10:30am.

Readings: [Genesis 25:19-34](#) [Matthew 13:1-23](#)

On Tuesday 14th July there will be a

[Service of Prayer](#) at 9:15am.

You can access both these services on Facebook from [here](#).

*CHS will be open on Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm  
and Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 4 pm  
for private prayer.*

### Collect for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear the prayer, which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.

*After the service at midday let's meet up together  
on [Zoom](#). Follow this [link](#).*



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Want to watch the service on you Smart TV? Or tablet or Phone? Then follow the link in the YouTube Icon and you can do so.



Icon by William Hart McNichols

You know I love an icon – this one is ‘**Mary shows the way.**’

The poem which accompanies the icon speaks of a way of beauty. Looking for the beauty which surrounds us – the trees, flowers, a child skipping along the road, and a keen cyclist. But then looking for that inner beauty – we all have it, tucked away inside -

and how much better life is when we can find beautiful things to think and say – supporting one another along the way.

There are so many things that we could have done better, said kindlier, and

thought in our heads or out loud. But with each new day we can only try again to be the person God calls us to be, and walk with him along the way of beauty. Stephanie.

**Beauty before me,  
Beauty behind me,  
Beauty all around me,  
In beauty it is begun;  
In beauty it is done.**

Poem, *Beauty* by Mirabai Starr



### **A word of Encouragement - When at a low ebb**

**On a dark night** when all is not well with us, perhaps a knowledge of “self” coming to an end, struggling to keep our heads above water, we should run into the gentle arm of Jesus, our Saviour, who cares for us so much.

**Our prayers are never unheard**, they are always listened to and answered, even the cries from deep within our souls. At such times our Lord is so tender and gentle with us, because He loves us so much, indeed He is love, pure love that really wants and does the best for us even though it may seem hard at the time.

**Lay yourself before Jesus**, surrender as much of yourself as you feel able to, for He loves you so much.

**Our amazing God** who created the universe, who has so much power chose you to love, to be a delight in Him, like incense wafting towards him. He knows when we go through dark times, He is there with us, much closer than we are aware of, He holds us gently in strong, firm hands during the dark times.

**Surrender to Him**, and discover more and more of His amazing, all-enveloping love for you.

Pat Brown

**A message from Jess.** "There is an devotional app called Lectio365 which is linked to the 24-7 prayer movement which I've recently downloaded. I love it as it has an audio feature to listen to the devotional with calming music. Thought others might like it too, hence I have shared it here."

Click on either of these app stores to access it.



## Barbara Oxford's Funeral

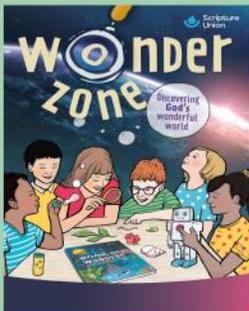
Neighbours will be lining the roads for the funeral cortege for Barbara Oxford, 1.15 on Thursday 16th July. If you would like to join the family at her service, you are welcome to join online, please go to: [www.obitus.com](http://www.obitus.com)

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This is a livestream, starting at 1.30 Sadly, only invited family are attending the crematorium, this is due to normal Covid-19 restrictions. Please keep the family in your prayers.



**Are you keeping safe?** *What do you do when you get phone calls or texts out of the blue, saying that you owe HMRC money, or your bank account has been compromised, or that your computer has a problem, that you have been involved in a recent car accident, or you get an email or text from someone strange? We all need to keep aware. NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OR PIN CODE TO ANYONE OVER THE PHONE OR BY EMAIL. Banks and HMRC will never contact you by phone. If in doubt call someone you trust, or just hang up!*



Virtual Holiday Club starts here on 27th July. Contact us as soon as possible on [widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com](mailto:widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com) or call 01245 355 989 to register your interest.



**FOR PARISH INFORMATION**  
Please see previous editions.

### Course in Christian Studies

There is a new course in Christian Studies starting in September. This is a 2 year course, and is an extremely valuable and helpful course. If you would like to find out more then follow this [link](#) or contact the office by phone or [email](#).

### PCC Meeting on Monday 20th July

Please pray for the PCC as they meet to discuss lots of different issues, especially those relating to opening up the churches for services of worship.. It will be different for a while, probably no singing. but it will be great to be able to meet up again!



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Even though we are not meeting together, the church is still active and meeting needs of the community around. We value your continued support. If you are not in a habit of regularly giving, then we would ask you to consider giving to the work in the Parish. You can do this in a variety of ways. Please see this [link](#) for more detailed information, or to make a donation now, follow one of the links above, or scan the QR code on your smart phone to make a donation. There is also a Facebook donate button available which you can access whilst you are taking part in the service on Sundays. Thank you.

**Let's give thanks** that the rate of infection has reduced and that the lockdown is being eased in many different ways. Pray for those who are feeling scared about going back to work, or wondering where they will be working, having lost their job. Pray too for those who are anxious about venturing out, having been inside their own home environment for over 3 months and not had many social contacts.

**Let us pray** for Beryl Clark, Don Seager and Joan and Michael Barker. Please continue to pray for the families of David Oxford, and Joyce Dines, as they grieve. Joyce Dine's son in law, Tony (Heather's husband) sadly passed away recently.

Daphne has **asked us to pray** for her son Russell Knott - his marriage just finished and he is so very depressed and she is very concerned.

Just a reminder of the **Prayerline** text number .. **Text 07368 136770** to sign up or request prayers for something.

**Let us especially remember today**, the 12th, those living in Hainault Grove and Harewood Road. Do look in the Church Directory and use it to guide your prayers.