

Collect Prayer for Sunday 4th October (Trinity 18)

God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Come and join our Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, at Church of Holy Spirit, Fridays, at 10am. A safe supportive space where people can find hope and flourish. Speak to James or Stephanie for more info.

Slimming World began meeting weekly at the Parish Centre from 23rd September, 5-7pm. Joining fee is £5.00 and weekly subs £6.95. Host, Una Connolly can explain ways of reducing costs.

If you would like to put forward a charity to be considered by our upcoming tithe committee, please pass the details to Pam with a comment on why you would like the church to support them this year.

Sewing poppies!

Extra pairs of hands are needed and sessions have been arranged for 28th, 29th & 30th September at the Chapter House. This is for Remembrance Sunday. Sessions are 10am to 12.30pm and 1-4pm.

Next Messy church is Saturday 17th October!

Before Stephanie joined us, she was Curate at Galleywood. The late Bishop John Wraw appointed Stephanie as Priest in Charge of Widford, later she became our Rector.

Latterly she was bestowed with the title of "Canon". Now a new chapter is about to open in the story for her and Roger. Stephanie has announced her retirement. Their last day in Widford will be Easter Sunday 2027, 28th March.

Upcoming Time out with God days... @ Mulberry House:

Richard Blyth on Monday 5th Oct: An exploration of how Paul then saw faith, hope and love, all as crucial priorities that support each other to give us strength for today. *Woodhatch Farm Barn, near Epping rather than Mulberry House.*

Patrick Regan (from Kintsugi Hope) on Monday 9th Nov: In a world that constantly demands more, this day invites a gentler way of living.

ALSO Adam Atkinson Bishop of Bradwell, with be leading our Delving Deeper day on Weds 11th Nov: What do you say to God when you pray? How do you feel in that moment of total exposure?

Ruth Conlon on Monday 21st Dec: Christmas theme

The days run from 10.30am-3.30pm and include a 2 course lunch in the cost of £26.

Mon 5th	Hope Café/ Soft Play <5>	9-12noon	Parish Centre
Mon 5th	Bridge Club	1-4pm	Parish Centre
Mon 5th	Rainbows	4:30-5:30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 6th	Hope Café/ Soft Play <5>	9-12noon	Parish Centre
Tues 6th	Dust it off Orchestra	10.30-12.30	CHS
Tues 6th	Bible Trek	7:30-9:15pm	CHS
Wed 7th	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wed 7th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 7th	Lunch Club	1-2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 7th	Wednesday Fellowship	2:15-4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 7th	Slimming World	5-7pm	Parish Centre
Wed 7th	Music Practice	7:30-9pm	CHS
Thurs 8th	Widford Waddlers	10am-12noon	Widf Vill Hall
Fri 9th	Kintsugi Hope Group	10am-12:30	CHS
Fri 9th	Messy Friday	3:15-4:30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 10th	Lib Dems	9.00-4.00	Parish Centre
Sun 11th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
Sun 11th	Praise and worship	10:30am	CHS

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Mon: Bob

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Weds: Bob (limited opening)

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 4th, those living in, St. Catherines Road and St. Peters Road, also, from our prayer directory: Reg & Daphne and Pat & Zola.

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:-

Potters Village

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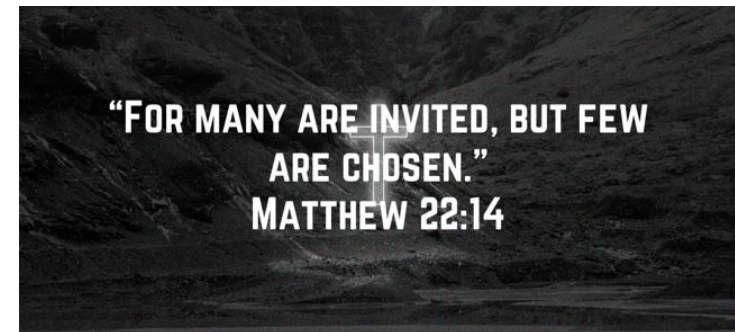
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Churchtalk

Sunday 4th October, 2026

Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

All Age Worship, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Matthew 22:1-14

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