



*Churchtalk*  
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*Welcome to our services  
Today*

Holy Communion at St. Marys,  
at 9.30 am



Family Service at Church of the Holy  
Spirit,  
at 10.30am



**The Fifth Sunday before Lent  
Collect**

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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**

3rd Feb. Valerie  
10th Feb. Vicky

**Coffee Rota for St. Marys**

3rd Feb. Sylvia & Daphne  
10th Feb. Janet & Barbara

**Cleaning at CHS (week beginning)**

4th Feb. Barbara  
11th Feb. Elizabeth

**Cleaning at St. Marys**

8th Feb. Linda & Beryl

Mon.4th	Stay & Play	9.30am	Parish Centre
Mon.4th	Prayer meeting	7.00pm	Westland Lounge
Tues. 5th	Prayers	9.15am	CHS
Tues. 5th	Scouts	7.00pm	CHS
Tues. 5th	Yoga	8.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed. 6th	Hunnaballs Group	10.00am	Parish Centre
Wed. 6th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed. 6th	Women's Fellowship	2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed. 6th	Music Practice	7.30pm	CHS
Thurs.7th	Widford Waddlers	10.00am	Widford Hall
Thurs. 7th	Knit & Natter	7.00pm	Parish Centre
Fri. 8th	Set up Messy Church	6.00pm	Parish Centre
Sat. 9th	Messy Church	10.00am	Parish Centre
Sun. 10th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun. 10th	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Come let us pray together!

At 7pm - Westlands lounge at CHS. Monday 4th February. The Lord delights in us coming to him in prayer, and there is a lot to pray about!!

**United Evening Service**, Praise and Worship, Theme—'The Right Trousers' 4.00 for 4.30pm, 10th February at St. Michaels, Galleywood.

**Messy Church** is back. Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 9th February**. Please pray for the team and all those who come on a regular basis. Last time there were about 40 of us. The theme will be "**God created you and me**"

**Women's World Day of Prayer**, will be held on Friday 1st March, venue to be confirmed.

There is a missional event which focuses on our involvement in schools, Saturday 3rd March at St Michael's, Galleywood, 10am - 2.00pm. More details to follow.

There will be a visit from the **Bishop of Bradwell, John Perumbalath**, on the **10th March**. He will be preaching at both Churches.

There is a Bradwell Area Vocations Day being held on **Saturday 23rd March** at Meadgate Church. Please see the leaflets at the back of church or [click here](#)

**Are you on Facebook?** If so, you might like to **join the Widford Parish Facebook group**. A place to share and encourage each other. Please look for Widford Parish under groups or [click here](#).

### A Message from our Rector

St Paul wrote: 'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it,' (1 Corinthians 10.13).

**May you know God's strength within you, as you face the challenges of life, and then trust him for the future.**

God bless you, Stephanie

## PARISH INFORMATION:-

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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 3rd, those living in Widford Road and Rookes Crescent. (Prayer Diary)

**For inclusion here** please let, Stephanie, Andy, or one of the wardens know, or send a message to [widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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](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](http://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??