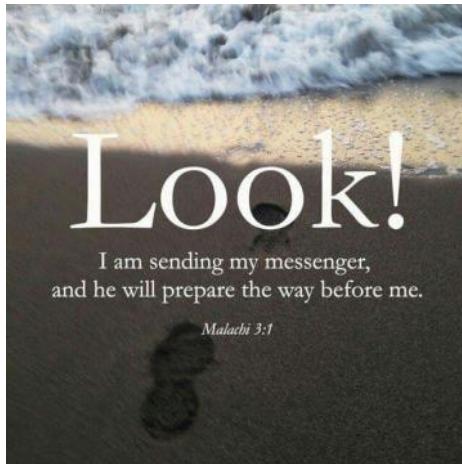


Sunday 1st February, 2026

Welcome to our Services



We welcome the family and friends of Lilyann
and Levi for baptism and
Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

All Age Café Worship, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-5 and Luke 2. 22-40

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 - Sun 1st February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Isreal: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God and our God. Amen

Eco tip. Disposable razor products produce an extraordinary quantity of plastic waste each time they are replaced. Swap disposable for a safety razor. The body of the razor is usually metal and you just replace the blade which can be done fairly cheaply, you can also buy a tin to safely dispose of used blades.

Carol Groves funeral will be held at Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday 4th February at 11.30am. The family have requested that people wear an item of blue please, as this was Carol's favourite colour. If you would like to make a donation please make it for Farleigh Hospice. Please keep Colin, Sandra, Hannah and their family in your hearts and prayers.

Hornchurch Passion Play will be performing on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April at 7.30pm. This will be on the Green by the Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, RM11 1QT. If you would like to know more about this please speak to Jess, she has been to previous performances.

There will be a run through of the World Day of Prayer Service on 22nd February after the service at St. Mary's. The country this year is Nigeria with the theme: I will give you rest, come. World Day of Prayer is Friday 6th March and our service this year will be at St Mary's starting at 10:30am.

Artless Theatre company will be returning on Friday 27th March with their performance of "the Centurion" - a story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the Roman Centurion. Start time will be 7pm and each member of the audience will be given headphones to listen to the audio. Due to the nature of the performance it is suitable for over 13's only. Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's. Tickets available soon from the church office, or you can buy a ticket on the night at the door.



Roger and Janet's son Damian married Hollie at St. Mary's last Friday. We wish them every happiness in their future life together.

If you would like a dedicated rose in the St Mary's garden of remembrance there are still some roses unallocated. Please speak to Bob W.

Mon 2nd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 2nd	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 2nd	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 3rd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 3rd	Dementia Group	1.00-4.00pm	CHS
Tues 3rd	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 3rd	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 4th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 4th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 5th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill Hall
Fri 6th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 7th	Come and Play	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sun 8th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 8th	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Thank you!



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Let us remember today, the 1st, those living in, Beeches Road, Benedict Drive and Abbess Close, also, from our prayer directory, Janet A.

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

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??