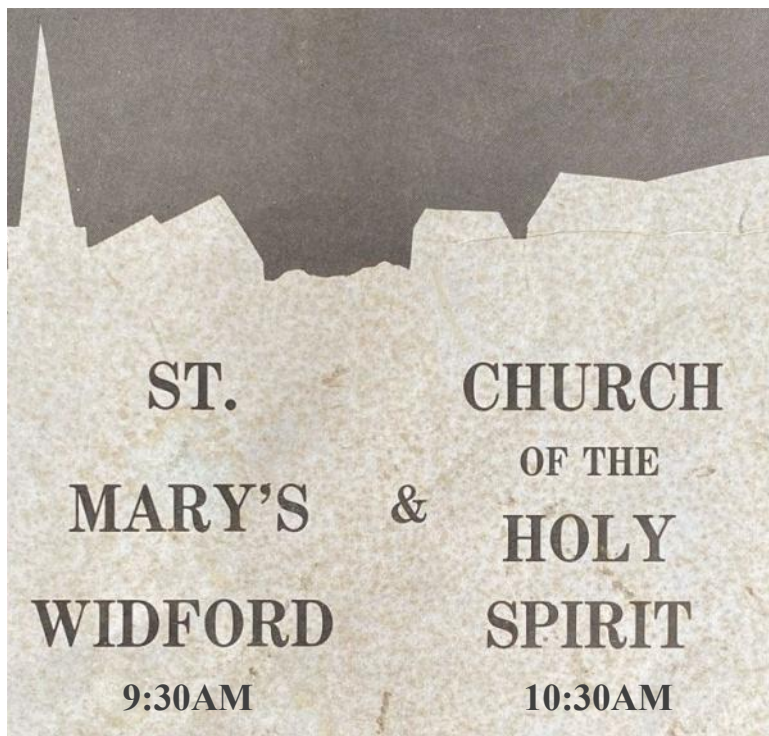


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Sunday 3rd August 2025

"Throwback edition"

Welcome to our Services



Readings: [Hosea 11:1-11](#) and [Luke 12: 13-21](#)

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 7th Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Would you like to sponsor a rose for our rose border in the Garden of Remembrance at St Mary's? £8.25 for a small rose, or purchase your own and give to Bob for planting! If you like the idea of having a small plaque to go alongside please speak to Bob. Cost of plaque—£17.10.

St Mary's working party day!

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST from 10am.... There will be drinks and cake provided!

Jobs include: clearing away ivy, cleaning around the down pipes and lots of other fun tasks!

Messy Church:-

Friday 22nd August 10.00-12.00. The theme is Saul finds Jesus

There will be a quilting class at St. Luke's on Saturday 30th August at 11.00am. All are welcome to come and join in. Stephanie and Barbara G.

Bible Trek will return after the summer break on Tuesday 2nd September , 7:30pm-9:15pm at CHS. Session 5 of "Bible Trek does Wellbeing". All are welcome to join!

We are delighted to have Archdeacon Jonathan to preach at our Harvest Festivals on Sunday 7th September. More news to follow regarding items needed for the Foodbank.

A date for your diary. Friends of Essex Churches Trust are holding their annual "Ride & Stride" on Saturday 13th Sept. We will also be having our Cream Tea at St. Mary's on the same day. Bring your family and friends.

****Copies of the new church directory are now available from Bob or Pam****

Last week we celebrated the life of Vicky.

A life well lived and lots of happy memories shared.

¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died."

1 Thessalonians 4:14



Don't forget to collect your blister (tablet) packs and ring-pulls for recycling in the various bins and pots at St Mary's! (FYI— you can take empty blister packs to be recycled at Boots in the chelmer retail park)

We are also collecting ring-pulls (only from drinks cans—not food cans!) for the charity "Purple Community Fund".

Each ring pull is worth 3p to the charity. PCF helps impoverished Filipino families living in the slums—the majority of whom earn a living from recycling the cities' waste collected from landfills. Through workshops and training programmes, they are taught how to make items such as ring-pulls into a range of eco-fashion accessories.

Mon 4th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Dementia Cafe	1pm-4pm	CHS
Wed 6th	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wed 6th	B Friendship Group	10am-Noon	CHS
Wed 6th	Music Practise	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
Sun 10th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
Sun 10th	Praise and Worship	10:30am	CHS

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Mon: Bob

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Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember on Sunday 3rd August: Canuden Road, Priory Close and Ashford Road also, from our Parish prayer directory: Denise and Lionel.

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:-

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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??



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