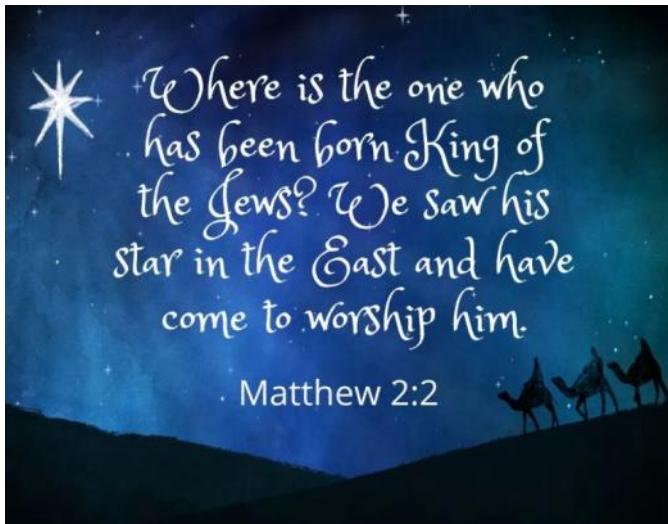


## Welcome to our Services

### *Epiphany Sunday*



**Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am**

**All Age Church Café, CHS, 10.30am**

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12**

#### 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 for Sunday 4th January - Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Eco-tip** A common struggle for city pigeon's is an ailment known as "string foot". While walking on the pavements looking for food, pigeon's get pieces of string and hair tangled around their toes. This causes pain, constricts their blood supply and often results in loss of their toes.



If you see a pigeon with difficulty walking, it very likely has string foot. You could gently pick them up and detangle the strands or be careful to cut with nail scissors if you are near home, then spray with colloidal silver if you have some.

**The next Messy Church will take place on Saturday 17th January 10am-12 noon.**



## Twelve Days of Christmas - a new meaning?

1 A Partridge in a pear tree - Jesus



2 Turtle Doves: Old and New Testament

3 French Hens: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

4 Calling birds: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

5 Gold Rings: The Pentateuch (1st 5 books)

6 geese laying: 6 days of creation

7 swans swimming: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

8 maids milking: The beatitudes

9 ladies dancing: fruit of the spirit

10 Lords leaping: 10 commandments

11 pipers piping: 11 faithful disciples

12 drummers drumming: Apostle's Creed



**Would you like to be confirmed by Bishop Adam? We have a confirmation service coming up on 1st March 2026. Stephanie will be organising preparation classes, please speak to her or one of the wardens to join the group.**

**DUST IT OFF ORCHESTRA !! Starting 13th January at CHS, 10.30am-12.30pm. Meeting fortnightly (13th & 27th January / 10th & 24th February and 24th March. String, woodwind and brass instruments. Any level, dust off your instruments!!**  
**Speak to Coralie for more info!**

**Chris' funeral will be taking place on Tuesday 6th January at 11.30am at Chelmsford Crematorium. We hope to have a fitting celebration of his life in the New Year.**



<b>Mon 5th</b>	Bridge Club	1pm-4pm	Parish Centre
<b>Mon 5th</b>	Rainbows	4:30-5:30pm	Parish Centre
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Chris' funeral	11:30am	Crematorium
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Dementia Group	1.30pm-4pm	CHS
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Bible Trek	7:30pm-9:15pm	CHS
<b>Weds 7th</b>	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
<b>Weds 7th</b>	Friendship Group	10am– 12 noon	CHS
<b>Weds 7th</b>	Lunch Club	1pm-2:15pm	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 7th</b>	Wednesday Fellowship	2:15pm-4pm	Parish Centre
<b>Weds 7th</b>	Music Practice	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
<b>Thurs 8th</b>	Widford Waddlers	10am-12 noon	Widford Vill Hall
<b>Fri 9th</b>	Craft Club	3:30pm-4:30pm	Parish Centre
<b>Fri 9th</b>	Youth Club	7pm-8:30pm	CHS/PC
<b>Sat 10th</b>	Come and Play	9:30-11:30am	CHS
<b>Sun 11th</b>	Morning Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
<b>Sun 11th</b>	Praise and Worship	10:30am	CHS

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Keith Schofield

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Barbara Jones

### **Safeguarding Assistant**

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*Mon:* Bob

*Tues (ChurchTalk):* Barbara O

*Weds:*

*Thurs:* Shirley+ Val

*Friday:* Barbara J

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**Thank you!**



Let us remember today, the 4th, those living in, St Catherine's Road and St Peter's 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

[widfordchurctalk@gmail.com](mailto:widfordchurctalk@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:-

[South Essex Wildlife Hospital](http://South Essex Wildlife Hospital)

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??



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