

Churchtalk

Newsletter No. 1192 17th April 2022

Welcome to our Services Easter Sunday



Holy Communion, St. Mary's 9.30am



Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings: Acts 10. 34-43 and John 20. 1-18

All Services will continue to be streamed on Facebook

CHS: https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/
St Mary's: https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/

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

Easter Sunday

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

We are having an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the service at St. Mary's today, don't forget to bring a basket to put them in!!!

Dear Friends, as we approach Easter I'd like to give you an update on Parish Finances. Each month this year, we rely on receiving around £7,800 to balance our books and meet our budgeted commitments. Our income to date this year (£22,662) leaves us with a modest budget deficit of £1,100, which we hope and pray we can make up as the year progresses. Thank you for all you give in so many ways and contribute to the life of the Church. Your Treasurer, Peter Wood.

Afternoon Tea

A big thankyou to those who came along to support our first Afternoon Tea run by our youth group, as they fundraise to go to Solid Festival in July. Particular well done to Hannah G, Hannah A, Billy Ray, Jared and Alyssa for stepping up to the challenge of serving you all! Grateful thanks to Sandra K and Jane for making the sandwiches, Stephanie for baking the scones and making drinks, and for all those of you who spent time baking; Daphne, Barbara, Trevor, Carol, Hannah, Kayley, Bob, Jane and Will. We could not have done it without you!



Andy & Rachel's

Wedding Blessing, 30th April 2022

We would be delighted if you would join us for, 3-4pm The Service, 4-5pm Wedding Cake. St. Michaels Church, Galleywood, CM2 8PW. As not everyone likes wedding cake, we are wanting to provide cakes for after the service. Please let us know if you are able to bring either a cake or a bottle of Prosecco!

The APCM will take place on the 16th May. To be eligible to vote your name must appear on the **Electoral Roll**, copies are available at both churches. If your name is not included and you wish to have it added, application forms are also available at both churches. Completed forms should be returned to the office or given to Shirley Deering by 24th April

Advance notice: Curry Night, Friday 27th May in the evening, time TBC, fundraiser by our Youth Group for Solid Festival

Gemma Fraser, the vicar of St John's and St Luke's in Moulsham, who also used to be curate at St Michael's a few years ago, is leaving the area. Her last Sunday is Sunday 24th April.

St John's are hosting a small party after church (on 24th) to which a few people can attend. If you would like to attend, then please let Stephanie know.

There is a card at both churches for you to sign:) Stephanie

Tues. 19th	Hope Café and (soft play pre school children only)	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues. 19th	Bible Course	7.00-9.30pm	CHS
Wed. 20th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed. 20th	Hunnaballs	10.00-12 noon	CHS
Wed. 20th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15pm-4pm	CHS
Wed. 20th	Music Practice	7.00-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 21st	Widford Waddlers	10.00am	Widford Hall
Thurs. 21st	Beechlands Ladies Group	2.00-4.00pm	CHS
Sun. 24th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
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Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess Thursday: Shirley

Friday (the diary): Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 17th, those living in, Mary Munion Quarter and Miami House, also, John McDougall and Colin and Tracy Miller, from our Parish prayer directory.

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 for specific prayer requests.

Please also remember in your prayers our tithe charities, this week:

Open Doors

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?

If you have missed any services, you can catch up here:

St Mary's: www.facebook.com/pg/stmaryswidford/videos/ CHS: www.facebook.com/pg/widfordparishchelmsford/videos/

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