

Churchtalk

Newsletter No. 1154 30th May 2021

Welcome to our Services



All Age Worship, at St Mary's, 9.30am

Holy Communion at Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 and John 3:1-17

South West Chelmsford United Service—Songs of Praise, St. Michael's Church, Galleywood,

4.00pm for refreshments, 4:30pm service (Outside - please bring your own chair!)

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

Trinity Sunday

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Church Directory is about to be updated! Please check your details in the paper copy at the back of the church. If you would like to be added please fill out a form and hand it in to the office. Thank you.

Widford Parish Recipe Book Have you got into baking this last year? Have you tried any yummy new recipes?

Jess is going to compile another Widford Parish Recipe Book, the previous one was very popular. If you have any favourite recipes you would like to share please pass them to Jess.

Christian Aid

The donations collected via the envelopes at both churches, plus the contributions given at the Tuesday morning café, totalled a magnificent £257.18. The PCC has generously agreed to match this amount from parish funds, meaning a total of £514 will be donated. This is not far short of the total we would have expected from the normal house-to-house collection. Many thanks for a wonderful effort. Shirley and Linda

Everyone has a favourite Bible verse - or maybe you have a few! It would be great to encourage each other by sharing! If you'd like to write or email a couple of lines to the office (or Jess) with a favourite verse and what it means to you, or a verse that has spoken to you.

Romans 8: 31 - 39

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This passage reminds me that no matter how difficult things are in life and how dark life may seem to be, we are not left alone to deal with it. We have Christ's assurance that he will be with us and give us victory. If we trust in him nothing can separate us from his love. This passage has given me hope in some of the most difficult times in my life. **Paula Groves**

Our **COFFEE MORNINGS** so far have been fun and appreciated!

We are changing days — we will be opening **Monday and Tuesday** mornings 8:45-11am.

We will also be moving to "suggested donations" after a month of free (Fairtrade) drinks and snacks.

Do come along on Monday or Tuesday, if the weather is good, we will be outside, if not, we can be inside the Church!

Suggested Donations: £1 Tea, £1.50 filter coffee, 30p Fruit, 50p Sweet treat



We had fun playing 9-square-in-theair at Youth Group on Saturday!

We continue to pray for the situation in Gaza.

Loving Heavenly Father, we pray for peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people.

For those who have lost their lives, or lost family and friends.

We are thankful that there has been a ceasefire and we pray for this to continue in order for the country to recover and rebuild with equal freedom and democracy for all.

Churchtalk deliveries will cease at the end of May. Copies will be available at both churches, at Lunch Club and the Coffee Mornings. For those who are unable to get out, Churchtalk will be emailed out or can be found on our website: widfordparish.com

Diary for the week

Tues. 1st	Coffee Morning	8.45-11.00am	CHS front garden (or inside)
Wed. 2nd	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Fri. 4th	Living in Love and Faith	7.30pm	Zoom
Sat 5th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30	Parish Centre
Sun. 6th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
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Caretaker:-

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The office is currently opened limited hours but the email and phone will be checked regularly.

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Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess Thursday: Shirley

Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 30th, those living in Widford Road and Windsor Way also Nicola and Matt Williamson and Bob, Jane, Jess and Will Wiseman, 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 <u>07847 875611</u> for specific prayer requests.

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

The Edapal Family

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: https://widfordparish.com/services-in-lockdown, you will be directed to our YouTube page.

