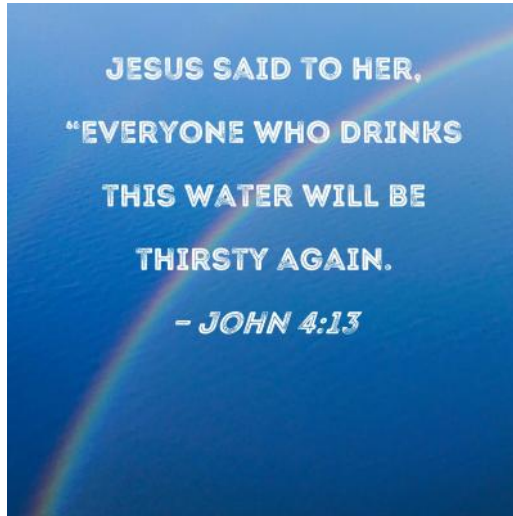


Welcome to our Services



Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Praise and Worship, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 17. 1-7 and John 4. 5-42

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 8th March. Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Don't forget this Friday 6th March, 10:30am at St Mary's is our World Day of Prayer Service for Nigeria! Followed by light Nigerian themed lunch.

Artless Theatre Company will be returning on Friday 27th March with their performance of "The Centurion" . Start time will be 7pm. Over13's only. Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's. Tickets available now speak to Bob or Dan.

Are you a leader of a group or ministry in the Parish? Thanks for all you do! For the APCM, while last year is fresh in your mind, please prepare your report for 2025 in the next three weeks so we can include it in the Parish Report and Accounts. Please submit the report to: Widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com or hand your hard copy report to clergy or wardens so it can be integrated into the pack, thanks.

The APCM will be held at St. Mary's after the 10.00am joint service, on Sunday 19th April.

Eco Tip: Just a reminder that we collect "ring pulls" from drinks cans (please not food can ring pulls) to send to the Purple Community Fund! We recently sent of a huge haul of them! They will be used to make upcycled items by women in the third world to sell.



Lenaida (Lyn) and her daughter Willow were confirmed at CHS on Sunday by Bishop Adam, Bishop of Bradwell.

Hornchurch Passion Play will be on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April at 7.30pm. On the Green by the Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, RM11 1QT.

Did you know the Altar at CHS came from St. Mary's Home, Great Maplestead. It is solid oak and the nativity scene was carved at Oberammergau by some of the actors in the Passion Play which occurs one every 10 years.

A prayer for Iran during the current troubles written by Bishop Guli, Bishop of Chelmsford.



A PRAYER FOR IRAN

BY THE RT REV'D DR GULI FRANCIS-DEHOANI,
BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Ever loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran
and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,
compassion and moderation:
that people of good will would seek
harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers
and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mon 9th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 9th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 9th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 10th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 10th	Dust it off Orchestra	10.30-12.30	CHS
Tues 10th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 11th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 11th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 11th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 11th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 12th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Thurs 12th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 13th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 14th	Come and Play	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sun 15th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 15th	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS

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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 8th, those living in, Widford Close, also, from our prayer directory, Jen & Paul and Archie G.

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:-

[South Essex Wildlife Hospital.](#)

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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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