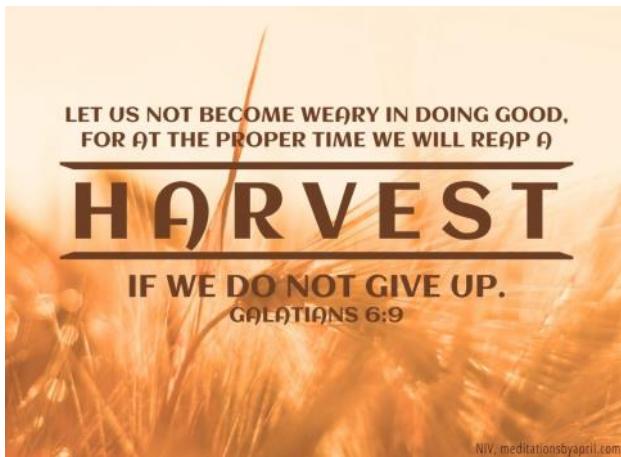


Sunday 24th September 2023

Welcome to our Harvest Services



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

Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings. Deuteronomy 8. 7-18 and Luke 12. 16-30

Sunday 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

Collect Harvest

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and it's peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For your Harvest donations, you may prefer to give money to CHESS. Please put cash or cheques in an envelope and mark it CHESS on the outside. Many thanks.

On Saturday 30th Sept, Jess and Alfie are taking part in the Muddy Dog Challenge to raise money for Battersea Dog's and Cat's Home. If you would like to sponsor us — you can do online here, or on our paper form... :)

[Jess Wiseman is fundraising for Battersea \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jess-wiseman)



At Messy Church last Saturday, we looked at the Parable of the Seeds... in time for Harvest! The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few! We learnt how the farmer represents Father God, and the seed is His message to us. How will we respond?

Some seed fell on the path and the birds ate it.

Some seed fell on rocky ground where there was little soil, it sprang up quickly, but when the sun came out the young plants were scorched.

Some seed fell among the thorns and they choked the plants

Some seed fell on good soil and the plants produced much fruit!

Which soil are you?



The birds



Everyone responds to the word of God differently.. Some do not respond at all.

The rocky ground



Save the date — Next Messy Church — Saturday 21st October

Mulberry House, (Chelmsford Rd, CM5 9NL)

Time out with God, upcoming dates (Mondays)

Perhaps you might like to take some time out from the busyness of the next few months.. £25 includes a very yummy two course lunch, plus tea and coffee throughout the day. The grounds are lovely to have a wander, and watch the ducks on the pond, or sit in a summer house for some quiet time. Why not organise a small group and go together?

- 25th Sept: Wayne Duslon speaking on Crumbs and abundance. God is an abundant God yet we don't always see a practical outworking of this in our lives. Is this because we have a human expectation of what classifies as abundance or have we become numb to the miracle of crumbs?
- 9th Oct: Richard Blyth will be speaking on "The stories of Jesus".
- 30th Oct: Peter Cockrell speaking on 'What does it mean to be born again?' John 3:1-16.

Mon 25th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 25th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Mon 25th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 26th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 26th	Homework Club	3.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Tues 26th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	Widford Lounge
Wed 27th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	Prayer Room
Wed 27th	Lunch Club	1.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 27th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 27th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 28th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Village Hall
Thurs 28th	Homework Club	3.15-5pm	Westlands Lounge
Thurs 28th	Art Society	6.00-10.00pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 28th	Choir	7.00-8.00pm	St. Mary's
Fri 29th	Craft Club	3.15-4.15pm	Parish Centre
Sat. 30th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 1st	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 1st	All Age Café Church	10.30am	CHS

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Monday: Bob

Tuesday (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Wednesday: Jess

Thursday: Shirley + Val

Friday: Sylvia

Let us remember today, the 24th, those living in, St. Catherines Road and St. Peters Road, also, Ann S. and Sylvia, 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](tel:07368136770) for specific prayer requests. Please also remember in your prayers our tithe charities, this week:

CPAS (Christian Pastoral Aid Society) Home | CAP UK

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??

