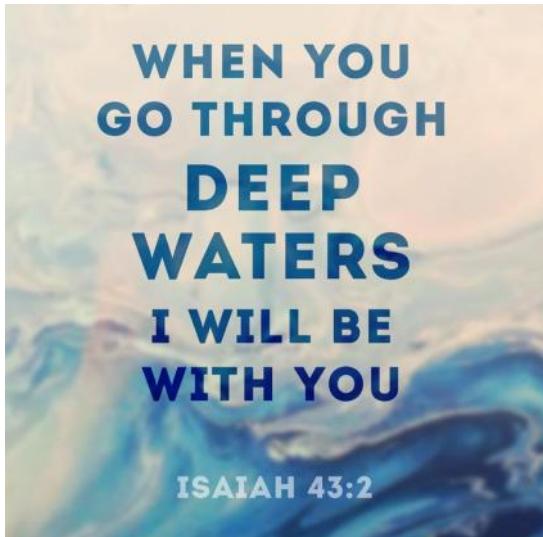


Sunday 11th January, 2026

Welcome to our Services



Morning Prayer, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Praise and Worship, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-9 and Matthew 3. 13-end

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 11th January. Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour

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



Sunday 25th January, Nigel Bolitho will be talking about Street Evangelism at CHS.

Eco tip

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs to participating Green King pubs, between 1st Jan - 15th Feb 2026 to be recycled. Since Tub2Pub launched over 470,000 tubs have been diverted from landfill! Alternatively, they are perfect for storing cakes!!



We were all sad to hear of the passing of Carol Groves on New Years Day. Please support Colin, Sandra, Hannah and family with love and prayers at this time. We will share funeral details in due course.

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!

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

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 6th March is World Day of Prayer. This year our country focus is Nigeria - “I will give you rest, come” Our service this year will take place at St Mary’s at 10:30am, concluding with a light Nigerian themed lunch! If you would like to be involved in the service, please speak to Jess. We will be meeting in February (date TBC) to plan and discuss. Please invite your friends from other churches and other denominations - it is meant to be an ecumenical celebration!



Friday 27th March, evening performance of “The Centurion” at CHS by Artless Theatre company. Tells of Jesus death and resurrection from the perspective of the Centurion and Pontius Pilate.

Mon 12th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 12th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 12th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 13th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 13th	Dust it off Orchestra	10.30-12.30	CHS
Tues 13th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 14th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 14th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 14th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 14th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 15th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill Hall
Thurs 15th	Beechlands Ladies	2.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Fri 16th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 16th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 17th	Messy Church	10.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sun 18th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary’s
Sun 18th	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 11th, those living in, Bruce Grove, Campbell Close and Stewart Road, also, from our prayer directory, Barbara G and Rosalynd & Tony..

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:-

[Christian Aid](#)

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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??

