

Churchtalk

Sunday 23rd November, 2025

Welcome to our Services





People of Prayer - Sarah Meeks
All Age Worship, St. Mary's, 9.30am
Readings: Psalm 71: 17-18 and Isaiah 40:28-31

People of Prayer - St. Francis of Assisi
Praise and Worship, CHS, 10.30am
Readings: Galatians 6. 14-18 and Matthew 11. 25-30

Healing Service, CHS 4.00 for 4.30pm Readings: James 5. 14-15 and Matthew 11. 28-30

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 23rd November Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end, for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

Eco tip: we are still collecting ring pulls from drinks cans to sent to the Purple Community Fund! (please no food can rings)

The Christingle this year will be at CHS, 30th November at 10.30am.

Sunday 7th December will be a Joint Service, when we will be welcoming Bishop Guli. The service will start at 10am at St. Mary's



Tickets for Handel's Messiah at Chelmsford Cathedral are now on sale for £15 each. https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ wildarts/1700285 Thu 18 Dec 2025 7PM - 9:30 PM.

Mulberry House—Christmas Time out with God, 22nd December Ruth Conlon: Journey to Bethlehem: Embracing Our Own Annunciations. Ruth will explore the spiritual significance of the Nativity story. We will delve into themes of faith, trust, and divine calling, drawing parallels between the journeys of Mary and Joseph and their own spiritual paths and encounters with God's call. £26.00pp includes tea, coffee, biscuits and a two course lunch. TO BOOK please call 01277 367124 or email mpitt@nctuk.org

Friends of Potter's Village are selling tote bags and Christmas cards:

Tote bags at £7 including P&P (38cmx42cm)
To order, please email pottersuk@gmail.com
Payments can be made via the online donation
form or via the one off donation form which gives
the bank details.

You can read the latest newsletter here:





message St Mary's Church, Widford on Facebook!

Once again we will be having our Carol Service around the Bonfire. CAROLS AROUND THE Wrap up warm and come and join us!

> Dunelm at the clocktower retail park has a tree decorated with tags. Each tag is written by a disadvantaged child asking for a gift this Christmas..why not choose a tag and drop off your gift for a child in need this Christmas?







Mon 24th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 24th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 24th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 25th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 25th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 26th	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wed 26th	Lunch Club	1pm-2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 26th	Wednesday Fellowship	2:30pm-4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 26th	Music Practice	7:30pm-9pm	CHS
Thurs 27th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Fri 28th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 28th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	CHS/PC
Sun 30th	Advent Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
Sun 30th	Christingle	10:30am	CHS

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Scan to Give Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 23rd, those living in, Forest Drive and Harewood Road, also, from our prayer directory, Louise and Charlie.

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:-

Hugh Pilcher (Jesus loves the little children)

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??

