

Welcome to our Services Mothering Sunday

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

Luke 2:34 NIV

Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Holy Communion, CHS, 10.30am

Readings : 1 Samuel 1. 20-end and Luke 2. 33-35

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 15th March. Mothering Sunday

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

Artless Theatre Company will be returning on Friday 27th March with their performance of "The Centurion" a story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the Roman Centurion. Start time will be 7pm. Over13's only. Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for under 18's. Tickets available from the church office, or you can buy a ticket on the night at the door. 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 and assemble it into the Parish Report and Accounts. Please submit the report to the 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. Lots of fruit and veg come packaged in seemingly unnecessary plastic film or nets that are not easily recyclable. Choose to buy loose fruit and veg and cut out that need for additional packaging.

The swift boxes to be placed on St Mary's spire are progressing.....





World Day of Prayer was held last Friday at St. Mary's and what a lovely service it was, full of love for the country of Nigeria and prayers for the lives of Christian women there. Thank you Elizabeth for cooking some authentic Nigerian Food!

Mon 16th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 16th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 16th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 17th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 17th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 18th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 18th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 18th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 18th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 19th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill Hall
Thurs 19th	Beechlands Ladies	2.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 19th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Thurs 19th	Art Society	6.30-9.45pm	Parish Centre
Fri 20th	Youth Group	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 21st	Messy Church	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Sun 22nd	All Age Worship	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 22nd	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 15th, those living in, Links Drive and Widford Grove, also, from our prayer directory, Lynette & Ellis, Sue J. and Barbara & Alan.

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](#)

At <https://www.facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford/>

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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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