

Sunday 25th January, 2026

Welcome to our Services



A service for the week of prayer for
Christian Unity, St. Mary's, 9.30am

Readings: Ephesians 4:1-16 and John 17:2-23

Praise and Worship (Street Evangelism), CHS,
10.30am

Readings: Acts 9. 1-22 and Matthew 19. 27-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 25th January, Epiphany 3

God of mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your holy spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Eco tip: Make larger batches of meals (e.g. curry, bolognese etc.) and freeze in portion sizes to reheat, thereby using less electricity/gas for cooking and reducing packaging by buying bigger packets of ingredients. Tammy

Carol Groves funeral will be held at Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday 4th February at 11.30am. If you would like to make a donation please make it for Farleigh Hospice. Please keep Colin, Sandra, Hannah and their family in your hearts and prayers.

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



Appeal for new sponsors!

Potter's Village Crisis Centre has been so busy in the last two months.

Currently the Crisis centre is at its highest capacity with 30 baby's resident and needing support, eight of those have arrived in the last six weeks!

Maria, Micah, Moses, Briana, Norah, Christmas, Michelle & Nduwayo have all arrived recently and are all looking for Child Sponsors. Due to such high need, we have re-instated the 'Shaping lives appeal' and are looking for 8 new sponsors for these children.

Please visit our [Shaping lives webpage](#) which gives access to set up a regular donation online or request a Child Sponsorship form.



Would you like to be confirmed by Bishop Adam? We have a confirmation service coming up on 1st March 2026. Stephanie will be organising preparation classes, please speak to her or one of the wardens to join the group.

Step into the world of light and sound at Chelmsford Cathedral!

10-14th February, shows run nightly from 6:30pm—9:30pm.

45-50 min experience Walk through stunning light projects with storytelling from children's classics to legends and poetry.

Tickets available [online](#)



Mon 26th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 26th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 26th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 27th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 27th	Dust it off Orchestra	10.30-12.30	CHS
Tues 27th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 28th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 28th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 28th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 28th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 29th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill Hall
Thurs 29th	Art Society	6.30-8.45pm	Parish Centre
Fri 30th	Craft Club	3.30-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 30th	Youth Club	7.00-8.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 31st	Art Club	9.30-3.30	Parish Centre
Sun 1st	Holy Communion	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 1st	All Age Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Weds:

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



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Let us remember today, the 25th, those living in, Dean Way and Hatfield Grove, also, from our prayer directory, Ann Sharp.

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:-

[**Hugh Pilcher \(Jesus loves the little children\)**](#)

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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??