

Welcome to our Services



Sadly, our services are now online only until further notice.

Sunday's 17th, 24th & 31st Jan will be at 10.00am

On our Facebook page.

On the 31st there is a United South West Chelmsford Churches service at 4.30pm, which will also be broadcast on our Facebook page.

These services are all Live Streamed

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

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

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Cleaning at CHS

Please contact Barbara Jones

Cleaning at St. Marys

22nd Jan. Jackie & Paula

'The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind'

I'm sure many of you will be familiar with the above words from Common Worship's morning prayer. Some of us say these words in church, and those who use the Anglican daily prayer say them daily! However, I was struck by what one of my tutors said about this line at college, and why it's included. It was in response to a question about those who use the liturgy by themselves each morning: should we change the line to 'the day lies open before me'? The answer was a firm 'No!'. As it turns out, one of the reasons for the inclusion of such a line is the acknowledgement that wherever we are, and whether we are physically with others or not, we remember that we still gather as one body before God in prayer. This line reflects the unity we share as Christians, and the bond that we have in Christ. We pray 'as one'.

In Jewish thought, the temple in Jerusalem was the place where God dwelt. But through Jesus' actions on the cross - the veil being torn and coming of the Holy Spirit - each of us has become that temple. We are the place where God now chooses to dwell on earth! How amazing! We all have the Spirit of the one true God residing in us as believers, and as such we are all united in this, gathered around the person of Christ. Though distance is between us in current times, we have an unbreakable bond in Jesus. There will be a joyous day when we gather physically without restrictions again, but until that time, my encouragement is to pray, and remember that when you do, you still join and gather with everyone else. Andy

Phone Buddies. If you are willing to volunteer, or if you struggle to get onto Facebook and would like a phone buddy, please contact Keith, Stephanie or Andy.

Online Messy Church! Saturday 23rd January—10am on our Facebook page <http://facebook.com/widfordparishchelmsford>

You do not need to be a member of Facebook to watch the video!

Our theme this month is THE WISE MEN!

Please contact the office if you would like to be delivered an activity pack to follow along at home! widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com or 01245 355989

A New Year Carol

O biggish town of Chelmsford
How still we see you lie
While through your near deserted streets
Masked shoppers scurry by
Few twinkling lights to greet us
No civic Christmas tree
And much is dark and empty
Where bustling crowds should be

We heard no sounds of revelry
To welcome New Year in
Though here and there loud fireworks
Made a fearful din!
No bells rang out, no saucepans clanged
No voices raised in song
To shake the hand of neighbours
Has been forbidden long

Is this to be our future as
A new year darkly dawns
Forever lived in lockdown as
The virus takes new forms?
No, of that light in Bethlehem
We surely are made heirs
One that will guide us through the gloom
With faith, hope and prayers.

Shirley Deering

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The Church Office is closed. Staff
on duty may be working in the office,
and can answer the phone and
respond to e-mails.

Let us remember today, the 17th,
those living in Mary Munion Quarter
and Miami House, also David,
Michelle and Jayden Hyde, Barbara
and Alan Jones, from our Parish
prayer directory.

For inclusion here please let,
Stephanie, Andy, or one of the
wardens know, or send a message to
widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com headed
"Prayer request".

There is also a **Prayer Chain via**
Text message on [07847 875611](tel:07847875611)
for specific prayer requests.

Please also remember in your
prayers, Ali, Keshule and family, plus
Mary Wood Trust. These are part of
our Parish Giving.

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www.widfordparish.com which is
usually 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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