

**Welcome to our Services**



**Holy Communion, St. Mary's, 9.30am**  
**All Age Café Church, Church of the Holy Spirit,**  
**10.30am**

**Readings. Revelation 21. 1-6a and John 11. 32-44**

**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 All Saints Day

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things; may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our congregations are represented by members of the Parochial Church Council. Here's what they discussed and agreed on your behalf in the October 21st meeting:

- ♦ for 6 months over the winter we will trial a community pantry outside the Parish Centre and then review how it's going. This will run alongside what we already do in relation to Fareshare and food vouchers.
- ♦ Our Parish Christmas card will be based on the candle painting by Zoe. A similar image on the candle theme was embellished by October Messy church.
- ♦ The new Café tables are in used and are available for other groups to use too.
- ♦ We'll soon be applying for a faculty for the accessible entrance at St Mary's.
- ♦ We will obtain a special box outside the Parish Centre to house the community bleed kit.
- ♦ Peter presented next year's budget for consideration by the PCC. The budget balances!
- ♦ The 5 yearly inspection of St Mary's was presented. We expect to do about £1600 of work next year and in the following years we will need to budget for substantially more maintenance and repair work.
- ♦ To help the Parish towards it's Net Zero and Eco church goals, subject to planning consent and supported by our architect, the PCC agreed that we should aim to install 37 solar panels (£18k) on the south facing walls. We may apply for grant funding and will also benefit from the Fowler legacy fund. The financial and eco benefit will be shared across CHS/STM. When installed they are intended to generate 2x as much electricity as we use at CHS/PC.

- ♦ We hope to replace the Parish centre lobby carpet in the spring aim to deep clean CHS carpet for the 1st time in 10+ years.
- ♦ The PCC agreed we should fund the cost of 25 bibles for persecuted Christians, and the opportunity to swell that figure was offered at the “If Prison walls could speak’ theatrical presentation on 22nd October and can also be done through the collect (donation in an envelope marked Bibles) no later than 3rd November please!

### Eco Tip

This week’s eco-tip is about reducing impact through simplifying. Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy regularly. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.

There will be a Quiz Night at St. Luke’s, on Friday 22nd November, 7.00 for 7.30pm prompt start! Teams of up to 8 people, either book as a team or an individual. £5 per person, bring your own drink and nibbles. All proceeds will go to their roof appeal.

Mon 4th	Hope Café/Soft Play <5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 4th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Hope Café/Soft Play	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 5th	Dementia Group	1.00-4.00pm	CHS
Tues 5th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	Westlands Lounge
Wed 6th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 6h	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 6th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 6h	Wednesday Fellowship	2.15-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 6th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 7th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Widford Vill. Hall
Sat 9th	Come and Play	9.00-12.00	CHS
Sun 10th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary’s
Sun 10th	Praise & Worship	10.30am	CHS

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Mr Bob Wiseman (St M. deputy)

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### Safeguarding Assistant

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*Monday:*

Bob

*Tuesday (Churchtalk):*

Barbara O

*Wednesday:*

James

*Thursday:*

Shirley+Val

*Friday:*

Barbara J

Let us remember today, the 3rd,  
those living in, Beeches Close and  
Beeches Crescent, also, Lionel and  
Daphne and Reg, from our Parish  
prayer directory.

**For inclusion here** please let,  
Stephanie or one of the wardens  
know, alternatively send a message  
to [widfordchurchtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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:

### The Edapals

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And [https://www.facebook.com/  
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Have you checked  
out the church's  
website at



[www.widfordparish.com](http://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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