Collect Prayer for Sunday 1st November All Saints Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Growth

God of mission, who alone brings growth to Your Church, send Your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to You, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The next Messy Church will be 21st November. Come at 10am if you want to join in the activities.

There will be a Memorial Service today, 4pm for 4.30pm at Church of the Holy Spirit. Come and remember your loved ones.

Widford Waddlers toddler group is 30!

On Thursday 5th November, Widford Waddlers will be thirty years old! Apart from a short break during Covid, this parent and toddler group has been welcoming toddlers and their parents/grandparents/carers as a place for the children to play with plenty of toys, participate in a seasonal craft activity and a song, and a cuppa and chat for the adults, before a happy journey home. Widford Waddlers started in the Widford Village Hall as a precursor to 'The Way' congregation that met there in the late 90s and early 2000s. Now some of the children who originally went there will have their own families! Due to the tireless helpers the group is just as popular as it's ever been! *Widford Waddlers toddler group meets term-time at the Widford Parish Hall, Widford Rd, on Thursdays from 10-11.45.*

The community pantry at CHS is still in operation, but sad to say only one person is still supporting it. The Fareshare table is a success but that is only out of date or last day for freshness. The pantry was to be for non-perishable items like tins, cartons or cereal packets. Cindy has taken on the job of topping it up with food. Can we all support this service to the community by adding a few bits to our shopping and leaving them at CHS or St. Mary's, Cindy will do the rest. Thank you on behalf of all those who will benefit. Many thanks.

Time out with God: dealing with overwhelm with Patrick Regan MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 10.30am-3.30pm at Mulberry House, Chelmsford Road, High Ongar, CM5 9NL. £26 includes a 2 course lunch and tea/coffee and biscuits from 10am. Call 01277 367124 or email mpitt@nctuk.org to book!

Mon 2nd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 2nd	Bridge Club	1-4pm	Parish Centre
Mon 2nd	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 3rd	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9,00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 3rd	Dementia Group	1.00-4.00pm	CHS
Tues 3rd	Bible Trek	7:30-9:15pm	CHS
Wed 4th	Morning Prayer	9:15am	CHS
Wed 4th	Friendship Group	10.00-12.00	CHS
Wed 4th	Lunch Club	1-2:15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Wednesday Fellowship	2:15-4pm	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Slimming World	5-7pm	Parish Centre
Wed 4th	Music Practice	7:30-9pm	CHS
Thurs 5th	Widford Waddlers	10.00-12.00	Wid.Vill.Hall
Thurs 5th	Vintage Collectables	11.00-3.30	Parish Centre
Fri 6th	Kintsugi Hope Group	10am-12:30	CHS
Fri 6th	Messy Friday	3.15-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Fri 6th	Lib Dems AGM	7.00-9.30pm	Parish Centre
Sun 8th	Morning Prayer	9:30am	St Mary's
Sun 8th	Praise and Worship	10:30am	CHS

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Weds: Bob *(limited opening)*
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Thank you!

Let us remember today, the 1st, those living in ,Beeches Road, Benedict Drive and Abbess Close ,also, from our prayer directory: Janet A,

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:-

South Essex Wildlife Hospital

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Sunday 1st November, 2026

Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

All Age Café Worship, CHS, 10.30am
Readings: Revelation 7. 9-end and Matthew 5. 1-12

Memorial Service, 4 for 4.30pm, CHS
Reading: John 11. 17-27/35

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