

Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

All Age Café Church, CHS, 10.30am

Readings: Genesis 12: 1-9 and Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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 7th June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

This year marks 100 years of Bethel Chapel on Chignal Road. We have a local link to this little chapel. Rose and Fred mentioned in this clipping are none other than Sandra's grandparents! There will be a special service at Skylark in the Autumn.

Hugh Pilcher will be visiting both churches on Sunday 21st June to update us on his charity work with "Jesus Loves the Little children" in Uganda.

Christian Aid week is now over. Many thanks to Linda and Barbara O for counting and banking the donations, which amounted to £367.73. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

ECO TIP: soak your dried mealworms overnight before putting them out for the birds—makes it easier for birds to feed their young!

Remembering Rose's church

Stephen Cottrell
Bishop of Chelmsford

IN 1923, a 23-year-old woman called Rose Whybrow was living in Chelmsford when she noticed small children playing in the streets.

She invited them into her home, and Sunday by Sunday she taught them to read, cared for them, fed them and taught them about God.

They started calling her 'Ma', and bringing their parents to her on Sundays.

Before she realized it, Ma was leading a church, so she built a chapel (she called it Bethel). Not everyone liked the idea of a woman in church leadership ("Don't argue with God!" she used to say) – even her husband Fred initially disapproved.

But the church flourished. It's still here in Chelmsford (it's called Skylark Church now). In the end, Fred even joined – the people called him Pa.

And generations have found their value through the unselfish community action of this group of God's people.

As Bishop, it's one of my greatest joys to see what God is doing through his whole church – not just the



Church of England. Did you know there are 50 places of Christian worship within the boundaries of the City of Chelmsford?

I bet there's one that would be just right for you. And I've never seen churches like Skylark as the competition; they're brothers and sisters.

I want particularly to acknowledge the work being done by David Gilbey and others at CTiC – Christians together in Chelmsford – to bring us all together. The fact is that what we call "church" is simply what happens when Jesus Christ encounters a group of people, whatever name the community ends up choosing.

As I looked out on the beauty of the mountains, rivers and sea of the Lofoten Islands this morning, where at this time of year the sun never sets, I felt the need to write these words:

God before me, preparing my path
 God behind me, urging me on
 God beside me, as I walk His way
 God above me, my surest hope
 God below me, my firm foundation
 God within me; me forever in God
 As I put God before me,
 I already am all I can be



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Would you like a rose in memory of a loved one?
 There are still some unallocated roses in the St Mary's garden of remembrance. You can also have a plaque with your choice of wording. Please speak to Bob if you are interested.

Mon 8th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Mon 8th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Mon 8th	Rainbows	4.30-5.30pm	Parish Centre
Tues 9th	Hope Café/Soft Play<5>	9.00-12.00	Parish Centre
Tues 9th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 10th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 10th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 10th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 10th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Thurs 11th	Widford Waddlers	10am-12noon	Widford Vill Hall
Fri 12th	Messy Friday	3.15-4.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 13th	Come and Pray (deaf)	9:30-11:30am	Parish Centre
Sun 14th	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 14th	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Weds: *limited opening*

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

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*Thank
you!*



Let us remember today, the 7th, those living in, Widford Chase and Harewood Road, also, from our prayer directory, Jackie and Stacey & family.

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:-

[**Potter's Village, Uganda**](#)

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And <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryswidford/>

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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