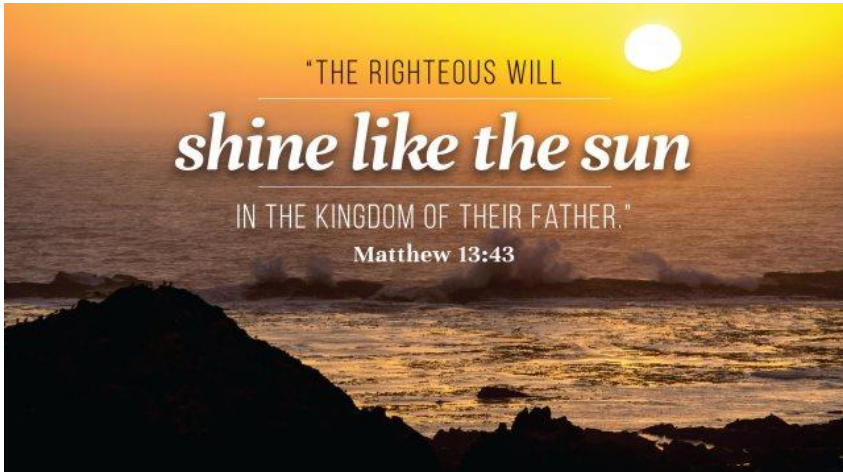


Sunday 19th July, 2026

Welcome to our Services



Holy Communion, St. Mary's. 9.30am

**Holy Communion, Church of the
Holy Spirit, 10.30am**

Readings: Genesis 28. 10-19a and Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

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 19th July. Trinity 7

Generous God, you gave us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed; make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hope Café are looking for new volunteers to help out from September. We need an extra person on both Monday and Tuesday from approximately 8.45 to 12.30. If you are interested and think you can help on a regular basis please talk to Dan G or Alan J.



There will be a United Songs of Praise on Sunday 30th August, starting at 10am, followed by a BBQ at St Mary's, There will be a sign up sheet for suggestions, please be prepared to say a few words about your choice if you can. Thank you. Stephanie

There is a quilting session on Saturday 25th July, 11am—noon at St. Lukes, Moulsham.

The office will be closed in August, so if anyone has anything they wish to put in the last edition, which will be on the 2nd August, please let the office know by Monday 27th July, thank you.

St. Mary's will be having their annual Cream Tea on Saturday 12th September to coincide with Friends of Essex Churches "Ride and Stride". Could I put out the usual plea for goodies, cakes, scones etc. If you would like to participate in the "Ride and Stride" please speak to Pam who has all the information on the event.

The Youth Group met for an end of year party. A big thank you to Grace and Lenaida for enabling it to happen. We will be back in the Autumn. Stephanie

Next Messy Church is this Saturday 18th July about The Good Samaritan! Luke 10: 25-end. Then 8th August: 1 John 4: 7-11!



Just a thought

Our memorial garden
(open every day)

Is next to St Mary's churchyard,
if you should pass that way.



No towering monument here
On the sight impress,
Just a few small, simple plaques
Among the colourful roses

Take your time, listen to the birds
Admire the pretty flowers
There is a bench where you rest
For minutes or for hours

Did a child's life touch yours briefly?
(Gran knew a hundred years)
Whispers their names softly, maybe
Add some grateful prayers

If you come here heavy hearted,
Felt nothing was worthwhile
May times in our lovely garden
Send you back with a smile

Shirley Deering

Eco Tip:



By Plastic Free Foundation

Are you taking part in Plastic Free July?



Loose produce



Reusable shopping bags



Bulk food shopping



Coffee cups

Bringing or borrowing a reusable
coffee cup or dine-in at your local
café.

Mon 13th	Bridge Club	1.00-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Tues 14th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 15th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 15th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 15th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 15th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Sun 26th	All Age Worship	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 26th	Praise and Worship	10.30am	CHS

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Mon: Bob

Tues (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Weds: Bob (*limited opening*)

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 19th, those living in, Rookes Crescent, Crompton Street and Evelyn Place also, from our prayer directory, Cindy & Joey and Elizabeth O.

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:-

[South Essex Wildlife Hospital](#)

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

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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