

Welcome to our Services

Pentecost Sunday!



All Age Worship, St. Mary's. 9.30am

Praise and Worship, Church of the
Holy Spirit, 10.30am

Readings: Acts 2. 1-21 and John 20. 19-23

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 24th May. Pentecost

Holy Spirit sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eco Tip.

If you find a Swift grounded.

Swifts are starting to return to the UK. Unfortunately some of them are ending up on the ground through dehydration, exhaustion or blocked nest sites. If you find one on the ground, prompt action will give it the best chance of survival.



1. Put the bird in a lidded ventilated box in a warm, safe place.
2. A cardboard box with some holes (shoebox size) lined with an old towel is ideal.
3. DO NOT feed it, DO NOT release it, NEVER throw it into the air.

Please get in touch with someone who is a specialist. If you are on Facebook, please post a photo of the bird and your postcode on: www.facebook.com/groups/swiftsos

On Sunday 31st May at St. Mary's Church there is going to be a joint Celtic Style Service with the congregations of St. Luke's, Moulsham Lodge and St. Michael's, Galleywood. It will start at 4.30pm but St. Mary's will be open from 4.00pm. All are welcome.

History notes about our Parish from 1962 :

'Widford has always been a small parish and in 1939 numbered not more than 500 residents. After the war that number really jumped and today the population is in excess of 8,000 and is still growing'..... (Currently the population is estimated between 12,000—13,000) Not a lot of people know that.



The Potter's Village kitchen has had a much-needed makeover! Our old stoves were no longer working, but the renovation is now complete and the kitchen is fully up and running again! This space is essential for preparing meals for the residential children (crisis centre and medical centre), and we're so thankful for the support that keeps our project going! Pictured—Idah and Festo checking out the new stoves!



Last Friday, children and adults helped to fill the new planter by our church sign at CHS! Craft Club has become "Messy Friday" each Friday after school during term time, 3:15pm -4:30pm.

Activities suitable for primary school age, speak to Barbara, Jenny P or Stephanie for more info 😊

Tues 26th	Bible Trek	7.30-9.15pm	CHS
Wed 27th	Morning Prayer	9.15am	CHS
Wed 27th	Lunch Club	1.00-2.15pm	Parish Centre
Wed 27th	Wednesday Fellowship	2.30-4.00pm	Parish Centre
Wed 27th	Music Practice	7.30-9.00pm	CHS
Sun 31st	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Mary's
Sun 31st	Celtic Style Service	4.00-4.30pm	St. Mary's
Sun 31st	Holy Communion	10.30am	CHS

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Mon: Bob

Tues (Churchtalk): Barbara O

Weds: *limited opening*

Thurs: Shirley+ Val

Friday: Barbara J

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Thank you!



Let us remember today, the 24th, those living in, Wood Street and London Road, also, from our prayer directory, Keith & Sheila and Hilary & Paul.

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:-

Ali and Keshule, Kenyan ministry

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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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