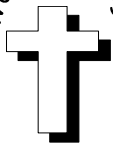


St Edmund's
& St Mark's

Wootton Bridge



Welcome to our worship: please use the time before the service starts for quiet prayer. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the 9.30am Service.

Hearing Aid Loop (both churches)

St Edmund's: please sit on the left hand side of the church. Please switch your hearing aid to the "T" position.

16 December 2018

Carol Service

Wight Sax will be playing at our Carol Service this year....come and join us at 6pm on

Sunday 23rd December at St Edmund's Church.

A retiring collection will be held for Save the Children.



Christingle Service

This will be on **Monday 24th December**, at 4pm, at St Mark's Church. We shall be preparing the Christingles on Sunday 23rd after the 9.30am service....why not come along and help?



More Christmas Services!

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm at St Mark's on Monday 24th

Christmas Day Service: 10.00am at St Edmund's Church on Tuesday 25th!



An increase in young people means we now need dynamic youth leaders to have fun teaching our 11-16 year olds and younger children.

Prayer for youth leaders:

Lord, create an atmosphere here that encourages our children to find You. Help us to attract youth leaders who will remind each child of the marvellous things You have done.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

Wednesday, 19th December 9.30am St Edmund's

Judges 13: 2-7, 24-end (OT 238)

Sunday, 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5: 2-5a; *Either* Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 80: 1-7;

Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45, [46-55]



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... Bishop Christopher, God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, School and Street Pastors, Prison Chaplains

...*those sick or in any kind of need*: Matthew, Tony and family, Linda W, Gladys B, Anne and Chris, Roger, Jo Jones, Andrew, Judy T, Paul and Wendy, Shirley T, Rosemary M, Avril and family, Karen, Roger, Millie, Carol R, Dawn, our Arab Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East and all on our 'Luke 11' Prayer Line

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 17th Vera Barber, 18th India Drake, 19th Mary Mennis, 19th James Godsell, 22nd Sue Scovell

If you would like a name to be added to the prayer list (with the consent of the person named) please let Helen Davison know. Names will remain on the list for an initial period of 4 weeks. Please inform Helen if you wish a name to be included after this time, or when prayers have been answered or are no longer needed.

The intercessions books in each Church may be used for additional prayers to be offered silently during the Services.

Names in our 'Year's Mind' will be published for three years and then removed unless otherwise requested.

Thank you.



Mission Prayer: God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, 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. *Amen.*

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

A BIG THANK YOU....

... Ann Jolliffe and all who helped her with St Mark's Big Cooked Breakfast and Christmas Fayre. £198.70 was raised for Church funds and £40.42 for Save the Children!

Winter Shelter—Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help cover sessions from 10pm—7.30am in a Newport Church. The shelter is now open until 31st March 2019. Please contact Kay on 812743 if you can help.

Christmas Cards for Prisoners

If you would like to show compassion and concern for those who would be shunned by many in society, prepare a Christmas Card with a simple message (eg Happy Christmas, Season's Greetings or Wishing you a blessed Christmas). Sign it with your first name only, followed by 'a member of a church on the island.' Do not name the church. Put it in an unsealed envelope, left blank on the outside, and Harry Kirby will deliver them to the Island Prison.

Volunteers needed

Margaret King needs more volunteers to help with all aspects of laying up and clearing away the altar before and after Communion services, or for administering the chalice during the service. Training for these roles would be given. Please contact her on 882417 or Mike Broadsmith if you think you are called to serve!

Growing In Faith

A new discipleship course begins on **Wednesday 9th January 2019**. The course has been rewritten and simplified: it is now a 12-session course and no homework is required, just turn up. If you have done a basic introductory course like Alpha and are looking to learn a little more, this course is for you. Some of the areas covered will be New Testament, Old Testament, Anglicanism today, faith and prayer, sacraments, ethics, who Jesus is and what he does.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TODAY

- Sun 16th **8am** Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
9.30am Morning Worship with Nativity (St Mark's)
No 6pm Evensong
6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols (Holy Cross)

THIS WEEK

- Mon 17th **8am** Morning Prayer (St Edmund's)
10am Village Coffee Morning (WB Methodist)
6.30pm—7pm 'A Time to Pray' (Wherever you are)
- Tues 18th **10.30am** Tuesday Discussion Group (St Mark's)
- Wed 19th **9.10am** Mini Worship (St Mark's)
9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
10am Coffee Morning (Havenstreet Community Centre)
10.30am—4pm Decorated Christmas trees (St Peter's)
10.30am Open House (Wootton Bridge Methodist)
10.30am—2.30pm 'Wight Maid' Craft Fair (WBMC)
12noon Coffee and light lunches (WBMC)
- Thu 20th **9am—11am** School Christingle service (St Mark's)
10.30am—4pm Decorated Christmas trees (St Peter's)
7pm Choir practice (St Edmund's)
- Fri 21st **10.30am—4pm** Decorated Christmas trees (St Peter's)
- Sat 22nd **10.30am—4pm** Decorated Christmas trees (St Peter's)

NEXT WEEK

- Sun 23rd No 8am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with Explorers (St Mark's)
6pm Carol Service (St Edmund's)

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Parish of St Edmund's and St Mark's Wootton Bridge

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Churchwardens: Ann Capps and Mike Broadsmith

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison (882330)

If you are new to our church - welcome! Please make yourself known to a churchwarden or sides person. If you are visiting and pay tax, please consider using a Gift Aid envelope for your offering. Thank you.