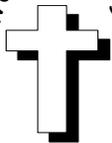


St Edmund's  
& St Mark's

Wootton Bridge



**Welcome! St Mark's and St Edmund's churches are part of the Binstead, Havenstreet and Wootton plurality. When you attend one of our services please use the time before the service starts for quiet prayer.**

**6th December 2020**

Hearing Aid Loop (both churches)

Please be aware that the hearing loop at St Edmund's is currently out of order. Repairs are being assessed.

## **Private Prayer**

St Edmund's is now open daily from 9am until dusk. Please leave your contact details for Track and Trace. There is a QR code or you may complete a slip of paper and place it in the wall safe to enable us to comply with Data Protection Regulations. (*Would you please take your own pen for this if possible*)

Holy Cross Church is open 9am-dusk on Sundays and Thursdays. St Peter's is open 9am-dusk on Tuesdays, 10am-dusk Saturdays.

## **Care to Share**

This is an opportunity to share anonymised information related to problems, struggles or feelings during this covid crisis. Care to Share may now be placed on the parish website and in 'The Bridge', but if you wish your contribution only to go to Weekly Sheet recipients please make this clear when you submit your thoughts, rants and thanks to me at [helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk).

## **Brainy Bunch Mince Pie Marathon 2020**

The Mince Pie Marathon is a fun charity initiative in aid of the Wight Brainy Bunch charity which helps Island families who have suffered from or been affected by brain injury. The idea is to sell as many mince pies as possible and Wightfibre will help the Brightbulb team deliver them all across the Isle of Wight on December 9th. For those that don't like mince pies you can simply donate—every penny will go to the Wight Brainy Bunch charity.

To get involved simply visit [www.mincepiemarathon.co.uk](http://www.mincepiemarathon.co.uk)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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



...*those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Jane and John, Carol and Richard, our Arab Christian brothers & sisters in the Middle East, our Little Lions families, and all on our 'Luke 11' Line

...*those in Our Year's Mind*: 6<sup>th</sup> Peggy Sharland, 8<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Foster

*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.*

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

## How are we financially coping?

This year we have seen a drop in income when our services ceased and our hall hire income stopped. The upkeep of our buildings continues though. We are very grateful for everyone who regularly donates either by making a regular standing order, or by using the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are not doing so already, please would you consider paying £5 (or more!) each month? One-off donations are also appreciated! For more information contact Helen on 882330 or by email at [helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk) *Thank you!*

## Living in Love and Faith

This major Church of England project has now been launched and an extensive set of resources has been put together over the past three years, designed to help us learn together, in open, honest and gracious discussion.

Bishop Christopher said: "Living in Love and Faith is, very obviously, what every Christian seeks to do. The now complete LLF resources are a suite to help us explore together and understand better how we relate to each other in relationships and marriage, in our identity and sexuality. During next year, at the right time for your church community, we can talk and learn with the help of these resources. Archbishops Justin and Stephen invite us to be inspired by Scripture's glorious vision of God's intention for human life and see Christ in one another. Until we can do this together I hope you will begin the exploration yourself by visiting <https://llf.churchofengland.org>"

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Useful Information

Our BHW service video for use during December can be accessed by going to: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QgX4l-74i0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QgX4l-74i0)

The free Church of England 'Daily Hope' phone number is still available for hymns, reflections and prayers on 088 804 8044

Find resources on the Diocesan website, including details of services being streamed here: <https://www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk/>

### Christmas video for young people

COVID restrictions have meant that the work normally carried out with our local schools has been curtailed since March. It was decided to prepare something for children and young people, so Rodney has produced a Christmas video! Our thanks to him and all who work to provide online support. The link is: [https://youtu.be/I\\_7AqImZeYI](https://youtu.be/I_7AqImZeYI)

### News from the Diocese

As we explore what it means to be a thriving, faithful diocese together our bishop's staff have developed a prayer for use in parishes so that the work and discussions may be underpinned in prayer:

*Lord our God, you make all things new. Inspire our lives with your spirit. Renew our prayer with your grace. Transform our service with your love. In the renewal of our life may your kingdom flourish and your church thrive so that all may come to know and love you in your Son Jesus Christ. Amen*

### Independent Faith Engagement Review

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has welcomed the opportunity for people nationally to respond to an independent review which will inform how government engages with faith groups during the Covid-19 recovery phase and beyond. The consultation lasts for 4 weeks, from November 13th until December 11th 2020. We are all encouraged to fill out the online survey (which takes about 15 minutes to complete, and can be done anonymously) found here: [Independent Faith Engagement Review survey](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SERVICES IN WOOTTON THIS MONTH

Sun 6th	<b>8am</b> Holy Communion (St Edmund's) <b>9.30am</b> Advent Sunday Brunch (St Mark's)
Wed 9th	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sun 13th	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion (St Mark's) <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 16th	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sun 20th	<b>9.30am</b> Carol Service (St Mark's)
Mon 21st	<b>5.30pm</b> 'Roving Carol' event in aid of the Foodbank (Weather permitting). Full details in The Bridge.
Wed 23rd	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 24th	<b>4pm</b> Crib service (St Mark's) <b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass (St Mark's)
Fri 25th	<b>10am</b> Christmas Day Service (St Mark's)
Sun 27th	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion (St Mark's) No 6.30pm Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)
Wed 30th	No 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)

Please remember to book a place in order to attend a service. There are fewer spaces available, and we have to keep a list of names and numbers for NHS Test and Trace. Early booking is advisable, and is appreciated! If you book a place and then cannot come please let us know so it can be offered to someone else. To book, go to [www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](http://www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk) and click on the services tab where you will find a booking form, or leave a message on our ansaphone, tel.no. 301880. To book a service at either Holy Cross or St Peter's please contact Hilary at Homs12@tiscali.co.uk or on 615551.

*Thank you—we look forward to seeing you!*

Visit our website: [www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](http://www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)



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**Parish Priest:** During our period of Interregnum please either email us at [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com) or leave a message on 301880 (Please be aware that both are checked regularly, but not daily)

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