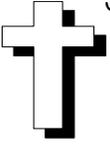


St Edmund's
& St Mark's

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.

3rd January 2021

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.

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR



Covid update

Due to news of a recent covid case, both Edmund's and St Mark's churches have now been closed. This will initially be for two weeks from 29th December, and the PCC will review the situation at the end of this period.

Details of our remaining services for January can be found on the back page but the booking form is not currently available. The PCC will continue to be guided by both government and Church of England guidelines.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... Bishop Christopher, Peter Leonard, God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, School and Street Pastors, Isle of Wight Deanery Officers



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

...*those in Our Year's Mind*: 4th Heather Bickley, 9th Irene Horrex

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.

Care to Share

This is an opportunity to share anonymised information related to any problems, struggles or feelings during this covid crisis. Please be aware that 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.

'Luke 11 Prayer Line'

The parish Luke 11 Prayer Line is still in operation to handle urgent prayer requests. If you are in need of prayer or if you would like to hold either a situation or someone else in prayer, please let Ann know.

Ann will then ask those on the 'Luke 11 line' to pray—keeping all requests completely confidential.

Alternatively, if you would like to participate in the prayer chain either by email, text, or phone, please email annbcapps@gmail.com as she would be pleased to hear from you.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Useful Information

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/>

The Big Mac Talks

(A meaty Bible study)

David McCulloch will be giving a talk after Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St Mark's Church. The first of these is planned to be on 17th January. There will be a 10 minute break after the service, and then the Big Mac Talk will start. It is anticipated that each session will last approximately 30 minutes. The theme will be the Gospels...their sources, historic context, and much more! You would be most welcome to come and join us, and to find out more. If there is further interest, David will look at each Gospel in more detail after these introductory sessions

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

Private Prayer

St Edmund's is currently closed for private prayer.

Holy Cross Church is open 9am-dusk on Sundays and Thursdays.

St Peter's is open 9am-dusk on Tuesdays, 10am-dusk Saturdays.

Please leave your contact details for Track and Trace.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS MONTH

Wed 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sun 17th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Big Mac (St Mark's)
Wed 20th	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sun 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (St Edmund's)
Wed 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sun 31st	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Mark's)

Please be aware that these services may not take place, but if they do you will need to book a place in order to attend any of them.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to care for the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and of your love. Sustain and support us, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**



Visit our website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

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

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

Churchwarden: Ann Capps

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison. Tel. 882330 or email me at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk