

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.

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.

14th February 2021

Lent Course

It is hoped to offer a Lent course this year but because of the current restrictions it will be by Zoom. If you would be interested in joining such a course would you please let Hilary know on 615551 or by email at homs12@tiscali.co.uk. This will give us some idea of the likely numbers and how best to plan it. Thank you.

February Month of Prayer

Our Archbishops have called for us to pause, reflect and remember the 100,000 individuals who have died in the UK as a result of the Covid pandemic, and to pray for their loved ones. They said: "100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us.

We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God."

They have called for February to be a month of prayer for our nation, as our response to this tragic milestone. They would like us all to pause and pray each evening, particularly at 6pm.

There are suggested themes for each day of the week, and suggested prayers for each week during the month of February, including litanies, family prayers and prayers for use in schools.

You can read and download these resources from here:

www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



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

...*those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Hilary and her son Phil. Madge, Doreen, David, Barbara and Arthur. Myrtle, Jane and John, Carol and Richard. Our Arab Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East, Little Lions families, and all who are on our 'Luke 11' Line

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 14th Frances Brown

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.

The Elephant Club

At the beginning of Veronica's time with us, the PCC agreed to support her in her work with people living with dementia. At St Mark's the accessible toilets and ramps necessary for this work have been completed. Gurnard Parish has been running a very successful club (The Elephant Club...because elephants never forget) on a monthly basis. It is a simple format and one which we could manage.

If you would be willing to volunteer to help for one afternoon a month please let Ann Capps. The Elephant Club would not be able to start until safe to do so, but the necessary DBS checks and a short course of online safeguarding training could be completed during lockdown.

'Live Pray Serve' 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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Useful Resources

The Ministry Team has planned to provide a video service on Youtube each month as a resource. The current service for use during February can be accessed using this link: <https://youtu.be/KgCiT26EYfQ>

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/>
Some clergy and lay people will now be offering video prayers three times a week during the rest of February and March. You are welcome to use them for prayer personally as we seek God's will for the future of our diocese together. See the information posted on the website.

To access the 11am Sunday service from **Newport Minster** you can watch the live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/NewportMinster>, join the Zoom Congregation (the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/741076773?pwd=Z2pzcVZhOEExRGkwdmJtUUo5VENuQT09>) or attend in person by emailing media@newportminster.org

LiveLent daily reflections will be made available through a booklet available to buy, as well as a free app, emails, audio and through the Church of England's social media accounts. They'll all be branded as #LiveLent. The national Church of England is offering online webinars to help you to make best use of this material.

More details about the resources and the webinars can be found here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story?>

Private Prayer

St Edmund's Church is currently closed for private prayer.

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

Please leave your details for Track and Trace.

PRAYERS:

A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, 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**

For those in isolation

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For those who are worried, and for social cohesion

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need and heal the sick in body and mind. Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time. Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions that separate us from you and from one another. Give us grace to live our lives confident in your promise that you are with us always. **Amen**

For the departed

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer for all whose new life is lived in your nearer presence, and particularly for those whom we love and see no longer; we thank you for all the ways in which they have enriched our lives and pray that, by your grace, they may rest in peace and rise in glory **Amen**

For our own ministry at this time

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 your love, for your name's sake. **Amen**

Visit our website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk



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

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