

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.

2nd January 2022

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.

Happy
New Year
★ 2022 ★

A BIG THANK YOU TO....

- ... all of you who have managed to attend a recent service. For wearing masks, sanitising, and putting on an extra layer!
- ... Ann Jolliffe for preparing the crib scenes and the Christmas trees in both churches.
- ... all who have led a service, assisted, or sung.
- ... Doreen and David McC for the daily Advent thought & pics.
- ... the flower arrangers for providing such lovely displays.
- ... our cleaners, and everyone who helped with preparations, serving teas/coffees, washing up, or rearranging chairs!

'Luke 11 line'

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 Capps know. She will then ask those on the 'Luke 11 line' to pray—keeping all requests confidential. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain (by email, text, or phone) please let her know this too. Contact her on 07966 819160 or at annbcapps@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



... Archdeacon Peter Leonard, God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, School & Street Pastors

...*those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Our Arab Christian brothers and sisters in North Korea and the Middle East, Little Lions families, children of our church and parish, and all on our Luke 11 Line

...*those in Our Year's Mind*: 4th Heather Bickley

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.

Books for sale and other ways to help

If you haven't visited the coffee lounge recently please take a look. Not only has it had a facelift, but it now holds several bookcases of books - just browse, choose, and place your donation in the nearby letterbox!

We'd love more people to give regularly by using the Parish Giving Scheme. Just £5 a month when multiplied by a few people makes a lot of difference to our budget! Please let Helen know if interested.

Lastly, are you using easyfundraising.org.uk when shopping online yet? It is an easy way to raise funds at no cost! Just sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccwootton and then shop. All purchases made in this way raise money for Church funds!

Diocesan Prayer

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 all 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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Useful Resources

The free 'Daily Hope' phone number is still available for hymns, reflections and prayers on **088 804 8044** and details of services being streamed can be found here: <https://www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk/>

WB Methodist

Come and enjoy coffee and chat at Wootton Methodist Church from 10am-12noon every Monday until further notice

Bible Study Group

The first meeting of the New Year is planned to be in the coffee lounge on **Thursday 6th January** from 11am-12noon.

Explorers

A reminder that Nicky and Pete will continue to lead Explorers on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, so spread the word and bring your children along! The next Explorers will be on **Sunday 9th January**.

Little Lions

The next Little Lions group will take place at St Mark's Church on **Wednesday 12th January** from 10-11.30am, costing £2 per family.

Elephant Club

The next Elephant Club will be on Thursday **13th January** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Please spread the word!

Living Faith: Questions of Faith

Living Faith is a discipleship course tailored for anyone wishing to learn more about Christianity. It is an ideal follow-up to the Bishop's Foundation course preparation for theological and vocational training and consists of six modules on the major practices, topics and themes of Christian belief. Each module takes around 10 weeks to complete with a half-term break. This third module looks at what Christians believe and why. The course starts on **Thursday 13th January**,

7.30pm to 9pm, via Zoom. For more details and to book, go to <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/mission-evangelism/living-faith/>

Dates for your Diary

THIS WEEK

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| Sun 2nd Jan | 8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) |
| Wed 5th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) |
| Thu 6th | 11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |

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| Sun 9th | 9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evening Service (St Edmund's) |
| Tue 11th | 10am Mark's Brothers' Bacon Butty Group (St Mark's) |
| Wed 12th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10am Little Lions (St Mark's) |
| Thu 13th | 11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Sun 16th | 9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) |
| Tue 18th | 10am Coffee Morning (St Mark's) |
| Wed 19th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10am Little Lions (St Mark's) |

We look forward to seeing you! We ask that you do not attend church if you either have symptoms of covid, or test positive for it. Thank you.

Private Prayer

St Edmund's Church, Holy Cross Church and St Peter's Church are all open for private prayer each day.

Please be aware that St Edmund's is now open from 9am-dusk.
Holy Cross and St Peter's Churches are open from 9am-5pm.



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