

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.**

12th December 2021

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.

## **Covid update**

Concern over the new variant and the continually rising cases of covid in general means that we will ask people to wear masks in church if their health permits it. Please don't try to wear a mask in church if you suffer from a chest or heart condition - we don't want you passing out! The rest of us will wear masks to protect you. We will continue with the hand sanitizing and ventilation so please put on an extra layer - the ventilation is for your own good! Congregational singing will also continue!

## **Services this month**

You will find a list of all service in the parish this month on the back page, and may notice that some of them are taking place in a different church, and some are either missing or have been tweaked slightly in order to fit better this year. With the need to be mindful of social distancing, airflow, and the number of folk wishing to attend services, St Mark's church has become the most sensible church to use for many services this year.

Also, as you are no doubt aware the number of available clergy on the Isle of Wight has reduced over recent years, and there are simply not enough now to cover all services in every church. We remain truly grateful to Hilary S for her continued work with organizing cover for all the services held in our plurality, and to all the clergy who continue to support our parish on a regular basis. We are also thankful for David Bennison and the Brunch team for organizing our non-Eucharist services, which enable us to offer a wide range of services to suit all tastes!

## 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*: Isaac, Pam, Danny and Chris, Mary B, Hilary S, Sue S, Jill, Jane and John, Arthur, Rosemary, Madge, Myrtle, Carol and Richard. Our Arab Christian brothers and sisters in 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*: 17<sup>th</sup> Vera Barber, 18<sup>th</sup> India Drake

...*those who have recently died*: Beryl Ann Sheppard

*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.*

## A BIG THANK YOU....

... all who organised the Friend's 'Evening of Carols' at St Mark's on Sunday 5th to raise funds for the St Edmund's Building Trust, and to everyone who attended the evening for a good sing-along! It was lovely to hear our saxophonist friends again, and we hope that those who were not well enough to join us feel better soon!

All monies raised will help to protect St Edmund's Church, which is much valued by all of us.

## 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

### Coffee Morning and MBBBG 'special'

The next coffee morning will be combined with the Mark's Brothers' Bacon Butty Group for a Christmas 'special' on **December 14th**. Bacon butties, hot coffee, mince pies, shortbread etc will be available! Margaret and Harry look forward to seeing you all from 10-11am



### Crib and Carol Service

We shall be holding a Crib and Carol Service this year at St Mark's Church on **Sunday 19th December** at 9.30am. Please do come and join in!

### Christingle Service

This annual service will be taking place on **Tuesday 24th December**, 4pm at St Mark's. All are very welcome.

We shall be preparing the Christingles on Thursday 23rd at 10am in the coffee lounge—please come along and help!



### Christmas Day Plurality Service

Please be aware that this service will be taking place at St Mark's Church to enable as many as possible to safely attend. The service will start at **10.30am**. All will be made very welcome!



There will not be any services in Wootton on Sunday 26th or on Wednesday 29th December.

## Dates for your Diary

### THIS WEEK

Sun 12th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evening Service (St Edmund's)
Tue 14th	10am Coffee Morning and MBBBG (St Mark's)
Wed 15th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10am Little Lions (St Mark's) 11am Funeral Beryl Sheppard (St Edmund's)
Thu 16th	6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

### LATER

Sun 19th	9.30am Carol and Crib Service followed by the Big Mac talk (St Mark's) 4pm Carols (WB Methodist)
Mon 20th	9.30am School Christingle Service (St Mark's) 10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's)
Tue 21st	10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's)
Wed 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10am Little Lions ((St Mark's) 10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's) 6.30pm Mountbatten Carol Service (Newport Minster)
Thu 23rd	10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 24th	4pm Christingle Service (St Mark's)
Sat 25th	<b>10.30am</b> Plurality Christmas Day Eucharist (St Mark's)
Sun 26th	No Services
Mon 27th	10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's)
Tue 28th	10.30-4pm Christmas Tree Festival (St Peter's)
Wed 29th	No Service

*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.*



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

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