

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.

24th April 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.

A BIG THANK YOU....

... to all those who helped in any way with our worship, and all the preparations in our Churches for Holy Week and Easter.

Lent Appeals

Thank you to all who have supported both the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the Wootton Lent Appeal. £1062.50 has been raised for our local schoolchildren, which is fabulous news!

Bishop Jonathan update

Bishop Jonathan recently chaired his first meeting of our Diocesan Synod and gave his thoughts on the future of our diocese. He identified what he had discerned as the most important issue we face – which is confidence and trust in Jesus. Having spent time listening to clergy and lay people in parishes across all seven deaneries, Bishop Jonathan also concluded that our Live | Pray | Serve strategy hadn't given parishes long enough for meaningful dialogue to plot the way forward.

Bishop Jonathan suggested that we might look again at our deaneries' existing plans for mission and ministry with two additional proposals. One is that we should create Anna Chaplains to minister to older people in every parish of the diocese. The other is to deliberately prioritise our work with children, young people and young adults to bring a life-changing encounter with Jesus to this emerging generation. More info can be found here: <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2022/04/08/bishop-gives-us-roadmap-2022/>

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Easter
Either Acts 5. 27-32 *or* Exodus 14. 10-end; Revelations 1. 4-8;
John 20. 19-end



Wednesday, 27th April 9.30am at St Edmund's

Acts 5. 17-26 (NT p.119)

Sunday, 1st May Third Sunday of Easter

Either Acts 9. 1-6 [7-20] *or* Zephaniah 3. 14-end; Revelations 5. 11-end; John 21. 1-19

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



... Bishop Jonathan, Asst.Bishop Rob, Rev Allie Kerr,
God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, The Island
School and Street Pastors

...those who are sick or in any kind of need: Geoff, Susan and David,
Mike C, Clive and his wife, 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 who are in Our Year's Mind: 26th Nicola Martin, 26th Phoebe
Martin, 26th Tom Rayner, 26th George Cox, 28th Carolyn Bennison,
29th Don Salisbury, 30th Kathleen Rayner

...those who have recently died: Carol Russell

*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.*

Archbishop's prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **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/>

Little Lions

Little Lions is for pre-school children (with responsible adults) and it takes place during term-time on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays of the month. The next group will take place at St Mark's Church on **Wednesday 27th April** from 10-11.30am. Cost £2 per family.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Mark's on **Wednesday 27th April** from 7pm. Please attend if you are able.

Living Faith courses

Living Faith is a series of 10-week modular courses designed to help Christians grow in faith, understanding of the bible and Christian doctrines. Two online courses are starting later this month:

Living Faith: Exploring Christianity

Starts **Thursday 28th April**, 7pm to 9pm

Living Faith: New Testament

Starts **Friday 29th April**, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

For more information and to book your place, please contact Bev Hughes by email at bev.hughes@portsmouth.anglican.org

Thanksgiving service for Mervyn Banting

This will be held on **Friday 27th May** at 2pm Holy Trinity Church, Bosham. All are welcome to celebrate the life of Mervyn Banting, a former Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight who died in February—but an online form will need completing to indicate your intention to attend. Donations may also be made online.

WB Methodist

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

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 24th	9.30am Morning Worship and Explorers followed by Big Mac Talk (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 27th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10am Little Lions (St Mark's) 7pm APCM (St Mark's)
Thu 28th	11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 29th	No Bridge Folding
Sat 30th	10am–12noon Monthly Market (St Peter's)

Later

Sun 1 st May	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 2.30pm Bluebell Walk at Newnham Farm (Holy Cross)
Wed 4th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) No Little Lions (St Mark's)
Thu 5th	11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 8th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tue 10th	10am Mark's Brothers' Bacon Butty Group (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, Holy Cross and St Peter's Churches are all open for private prayer each day 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)

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