



A very warm welcome to any visitors worshipping with us today! When you attend one of our services please use the time before the service starts for quiet prayer.



At our Communion services those who are confirmed and those who normally receive Communion in their own church are invited to receive Communion. All are welcome to receive a blessing.

5th November 2023

Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

Our annual Commemoration for the Faithful Departed takes place today **Sunday 5th November**, 5pm, at St Mark's church. All are very welcome.

Remembrance Day

You are invited to our Remembrance Day Holy Communion service on **Sunday 12th November**, 10am at St Mark's church. Later at 3pm the Scouts will be holding their Remembrance Service at St Edmund's War Memorial.

Health and Safety Officer

We are looking for a volunteer to deal with the administration involved with Health and Safety in the parish. If you are interested in this role please let Ann Capps know. If not, please pray for someone to come forward. Thank you.

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all hope, asking that you send your Spirit to bring about a future, where neighbours embrace despite their differences, where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride, and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength. May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon, so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Either Micah 3.5-end; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14

Or Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Wednesday, 8th November 9.30am at St Edmund's

Romans 13.8-10

Sunday, 12th November Third Sunday before Advent

(Remembrance Sunday)

Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... Bishop Jonathan, Asst. Bishop Rob, Area Dean and Archdeacon Steve Daughtery, Associate Area Dean James Cook, God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, The Island School and Street Pastors



...those who are sick or in any kind of need: Viv Loveless, our Christian brothers and sisters in North Korea and the Middle East, the children of our church and parish, and all on our Luke 11 Line

...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 6th Horace Hill, 7th Tina Barnley, 11th Tom King

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.

East Medina plurality update

Details of the post of vicar for our new plurality with East Cowes and Whippingham have now been advertised. The closing date is 17th November 2023 and a video produced for interested applicants may be viewed here: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/vacancies/
Please pray for everyone involved in this ongoing process.

Service Information

The PCC have agreed that (subject to the priest's preference) we return to the common cup during communion services, with those who prefer the current practice of intinction being able to continue to do so. It may sometimes be necessary to hold a service of Morning Prayer in place of Holy Communion—as at 9.30am on **Wednesday 8th November**.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The next Mark's Brothers' Bacon Butty Group will take place at 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge on **Wednesday 8th November**.

Stay&Play

Little Lions has now become Stay&Play, and will return to St Mark's after half term every Thursday morning. The age range has been extended to include children up to 8 years old, and there will now be a theme for each session. The cost is still just £2 per family. Come along on **Thursday 9th November** 9.15-11.30am to join in!

Bible Study Group

With effect from **Thursday 9th November** the Bible Study group will no longer meet at St Mark's at 11am each week. Instead a group member will host it locally from home. If you wish to join the group or need to know where it is due to meet please contact Ann by email at stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com or leave a message for her on our parish ansaphone 01983 301880.

Elephant Club

The next Elephant Club will be on **Thursday 9th November** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is very welcome to come. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Archivist Autumn talks at the Minster

The Minster Project – Evolving Heritage, Sustainable Future;

Wednesday 15th November, 7pm

Curates and Congregations – the People of Newport Minster;

Tuesday 21st November, 7pm

To book call 821961 or email admin@cofeheartofwight.org

‘Come & Sing Evening at St Edmund’s

You are invited to an evening of Carols and Christmas songs on **Saturday 2nd December** from 7-9pm. Come and join Wight Sax and friends at St Edmund's church. Refreshments available and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the ‘Friends of St Edmund’s’

Dates for your Diary

This week

- Sun 5th
8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
9.30am Brunch Service: All Saints (St Mark's)
5pm Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed (St Mark's)
- Wed 8th
9.30am **Morning Prayer** (St Edmund's)
10.30am Mark's Brothers' Bacon Butty Group (St Mark's)
- Thu 9th
9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's)
11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)
2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
- Wed 15th
9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
7pm PCC Meeting (c/o H.Baldwin)
- Thu 16th
9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's)
11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)

Later

- Sun 12th
10am Remembrance Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's)
3pm Scouts Remembrance Service (St Edmund's War Memorial)
5pm Evensong (St Edmund'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 is open for private prayer each day from 9am-5pm (or dusk if earlier)

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).

Churchwardens: Ann Capps and Mary Peters

Safeguarding: If you have concerns about a child or an adult who may be vulnerable or at risk, contact Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Steve Beynon on 0789 435 3584.

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison is contactable on 882330 or by email at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk