



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.

12th November 2023

Remembrance Day

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

Mince Pies!

Prison Chaplain Judith Swaine has asked if we would be kind enough to donate some mince pies for Christmas carol services this year at Albany Prison (on 12th December) and Parkhurst Prison (on 19th December). Some churches helped in this way before COVID, and if you would be willing to make a donation please bring the pies to a service before **Monday 4th December**.

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

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday before Advent
(Remembrance Sunday)

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

Wednesday, 15th November 9.30am at St Edmund's

Either Wisdom 6.1-11 *or* Titus 3.1-7

Sunday, 19th November Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30



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

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.

'Big Cooked Breakfast' with seasonal stalls.

Come along to St Mark's on **Saturday 9th December** from 9.30am to 12.00 midday to enjoy our Big Cooked Breakfast! Live music with Amy Jolliffe plus stalls, crafts, tombola, quality clothing, decorations, homemade cakes, books and a toy stall. There will also be a Save the Children stall and a RSPCA collection point for food, blankets, toys and towels. All proceeds apart from Save the Children will go to Church Funds. Offers of help would be gratefully received.

Items required: good quality clothing, toys, puzzles, games, teddies and Christmas decorations. For collection please call 078 660 59 422.

Service Information

We are now using the common cup during communion services subject to the priest's preference. Those who prefer the practice of intinction may continue to do so. Please know that it may sometimes be necessary to hold a service of Morning Prayer in place of Holy Communion.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Archivist Autumn talks at the Minster

‘The Minster Project – Evolving Heritage, Sustainable Future’ is on **Wednesday 15th November** at 7pm. ‘Curates and Congregations – the People of Newport Minster’ is on **Tuesday 21st November** at 7pm. To book call 821961 or email admin@cofeheartofwight.org

Stay&Play

Little Lions has now become Stay&Play, and all children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend with an adult. We have a range of play and craft activities, and meet at St Mark’s on Thursday mornings from 9.15-11.30am. There is no charge. (A small donation would be very welcome, but is not expected) Free toast and a snack is available to all, and free tea/coffee for adults. Spread the word, and come along on **Thursday 16th November**. We hope to see you there!

The Big Mac Talks (*A meaty Bible study*)

David McCulloch continues to give a talk after Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St Mark’s Church, so please come along on **Sunday 19th November** to find out more.

Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings are back! The next one will take place from 9am until 12noon on **Tuesday 21st November** in the Coffee Lounge. Please do come along and bring anyone who would enjoy some good company and cake!

The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 24th November**. Please come along and join in.

‘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 12th	10am Remembrance Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 3pm Scouts Remembrance Service (St Edmund's War Memorial) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 15th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm PCC Meeting (c/o Hilary B)
Thu 16th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship then Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Tue 21st	9.15am Coffee Morning (St Mark's)
Wed 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 23rd	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 24th	2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
Sun 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 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