



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.*

19th November 2023

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

David McCulloch will give another talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 19th November**. Join us at 10.30am to find out more.

## **Mountbatten Light up a Life**

A Light up a Life service takes place on **Sunday 3rd December**, 4pm to 6pm at Mountbatten Hospice and is open to everyone.

You can dedicate a light in memory of a loved one, or give a gift to support Islanders living with death, dying and bereavement. For more information go to [www.mountbatten.org.uk/christmas-2023](http://www.mountbatten.org.uk/christmas-2023)

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> December) and Parkhurst Prison (on 19<sup>th</sup> December). If you would be willing to help, 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**

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught about building treasure in heaven rather than on earth. Teach us to be content when our needs are satisfied rather than our wants, and grant us wisdom to be faithful stewards *Amen.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Second Sunday before Advent  
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;  
Matthew 25.14-30



Wednesday, 22nd November 9.30am at St Edmund's

*Either 2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31 or Revelation ch.4*

Sunday, 26th November Christ The King, Sunday next before Advent  
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

## **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 in Our Year's Mind:* 20<sup>th</sup> Gerry Thompson, 21<sup>st</sup> Joyce Richards

*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.*

## **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Study group meets weekly in the home of one of the group.  
If you would like more information either leave a message on the parish  
ansaphone 301880 or email [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com)

## **'Big Cooked Breakfast' with seasonal stalls.**

Come along to St Mark's on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Archivist Autumn talks at the Minster

'Curates and Congregations – the People of Newport Minster' will be on **Tuesday 21st November** at 7pm. To book call 821961 or email [admin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:admin@cofeheartofwight.org)

### Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning 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 good company and cake!

### 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. There is no charge (a small donation would be welcome, but is not expected). Free toast and a snack is available to all, and free tea/coffee for adults. We have a range of play and craft activities, and the next group meets at St Mark's on **Thursday 23rd November** at 9.15am.

### 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'

### Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 6th December**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com).

### Advent Carol Service

Join us for an Advent Carol Service with Cantus Vesperi at St Edmund's church on **Sunday 10th December**. The service starts at 5pm and all are very welcome to attend.



## Dates for your Diary

### This week

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)
Sat 25th	10am-12noon Christmas Market (H'Street Com.Centre)

### Later

Sun 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Sat 2nd Dec	10am-12noon Christmas Coffee Morning with craft stalls etc (Holy Cross) 7pm-9pm 'Christmas Songs & Carols' fund raiser for the Friends of St Edmund's (St Edmund's)
Sun 3rd	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service: Advent (St Mark's)
Wed 6th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 7th	9.15am Stay&Play (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 is open for private prayer each day from 9am-5pm (or dusk if earlier)

Visit our website: [www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk)