

St Edmund's
& St Mark's



Wootton Bridge

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.

4th February 2024

Volunteering

Volunteering is good for the health of both mind and body apparently, and we are very grateful to all who give their time to help with the running of our churches. If you have an interest in volunteering in any way please do let Ann, Mary or Helen know! You may not either want or be able to take on very much, and you may only be available occasionally, but every little really does help. If you are interested, these are just some of the examples:

In the churches: Welcoming, singing, serving, helping with our children's work, serving coffee, washing up, tidying and cleaning. Chair moving, flower arranging, setting up nativity scenes and Christmas trees. Assisting with running our regular clubs.

In the community: delivering The Bridge magazine and food donations to the Food Bank. Pastoral care and school liaison.

From home: Admin, social media, accounting, preparing service paperwork, hall hire bookings, drawing up rota's, prayer support.

Other: Unlocking/locking churches for daily prayer or hall hire. Maintaining the church grounds, flowers, and buildings. Buying supplies and removing rubbish. Putting up banners, posters and notices. Being a member of the PCC. *Thank you!*

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all comfort asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold all those who are grieving, all those who are suffering, all those in fear, and all those in captivity. May the arms of comfort and compassion overwhelm the arms of war. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday before Lent
Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14
Wednesday, 7th February 11.15am at St Mark's
1 Kings 10.1-10
Sunday, 11th February Sunday next before Lent
2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9



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*: Eileen Emmerson, Ann Riley, Suzie Willcox, 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*: 4th Heather Bickley, 10th Mo Hasler

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 now meets each week in the home of one of the group. If you are interested in joining or want more information please either leave a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or email stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com

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 be aware that due to a shortage of available clergy on the Island at the moment, it may sometimes be necessary to hold a service of Morning Prayer in place of Holy Communion.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 7th February**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com. Food is provided by the church, and all donations received are split between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

Stay&Play

All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend Stay&Play on **Thursday 8th February** from 9.15am. We have a range of play and craft activities. There is no charge. Free toast and a snack is available to all, and free tea/coffee for adults!

Elephant Club

Elephant Club returns to St Mark's on **Thursday 8th February** from 2-4pm. Each month's programme is different, and anyone who would like some company and cake is very welcome to come.

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 14th February** at 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge. If you know of anyone who would appreciate some male company and enjoy a coffee and brunch, please do tell them.

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship today, **Sunday 18th February**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 23rd February**. Please come along and join us! Without our volunteers, there would be no magazine. We are very grateful for all who help, If you know someone who might be prepared to assist us, do please let David Bennison know.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 4th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's)
Wed 7th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 8th	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)

Later

Sun 11th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 15th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 18th	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Wed 21st	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 22nd	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)

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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