

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.

11th February 2024

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024

Bishop Jonathan invites us all to donate towards good causes each year during Lent to help those in need. Often one global and one local charity is chosen, and this year the two recipients will be:

Tearfund Middle East Emergency Appeal: supporting churches and partners in the region who are responding to those affected by the humanitarian crisis created by the conflict in Israel and Gaza.

The Trussell Trust: helping vulnerable families and those in need via Foodbanks (including the one on our Island).

Go to www.portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal/ for further information and to donate online. Alternatively, put your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'Bishop's Lent Appeal' and place it in the collection plate at any of our services.

If you would prefer to support the IoW Foodbank more directly please make your donations of money and/or food at either of our churches. The following items are particularly required currently: long life milk and fruit juice, sponge puddings, tinned meat meals, 'free from' items, shampoo, deodorant and washing up liquid.

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all peace asking that you send your Spirit to strengthen and uphold those pursuing an end to violence, embolden those with a heart for truth and justice, and amplify voices of wisdom and restraint.

May the light of peace and reconciliation overwhelm the darkness of destruction. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Sunday next before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Wednesday, 14th February 9.30am at St Edmund's [Ash Wednesday]

Either Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58.1-12

Sunday, 18th February First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15



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*: 13th Cecil Jolliffe, 14th Brian Wratten, 16th Carole Marshall, 17th Margaret Bennett and Michael Mansbridge

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:

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 on **Sunday 18th February**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

Stay&Play

All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend Stay&Play on **Thursday 22nd 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!

The Bridge

More help would be appreciated folding and delivering *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. If by any chance, you know someone who might be prepared to help us, do please let David Bennison know. Also, would you be interested in writing an article for it? If you're tempted, please email Warwick at thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk. Thank you!

Coffee Morning

Sadly the coffee morning planned for **Tuesday 27th February** has had to be cancelled. Our apologies for this change in plans.

Café Communion

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

Dates for your Diary

This week

- 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)

Later

- 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)
11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
- Fri 23rd 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
- Sun 25th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's)
5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
- Tue 27th **No Coffee Morning** (St Mark's)
- Wed 28th 9.30am Holy Communion (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
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