

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.

3rd March 2024

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024

Bishop Jonathan invites us all to donate towards good causes each year to help those in need. 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 donation money and/or food at either of our churches.

Lay Commissioning service

Advance notice that on **Thursday April 18th** at 6pm there will be a Lay Commissioning service at St Mark's for David Bennison and his colleagues participating in the Lay Preaching Course.

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 Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20.1-17, 15-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22
Wednesday, 6th March 11.15am at St Mark's
John 2.13-22



Sunday, 10th March Fourth Sunday of Lent
Numbers 21.4-9; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

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*: Myra, 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

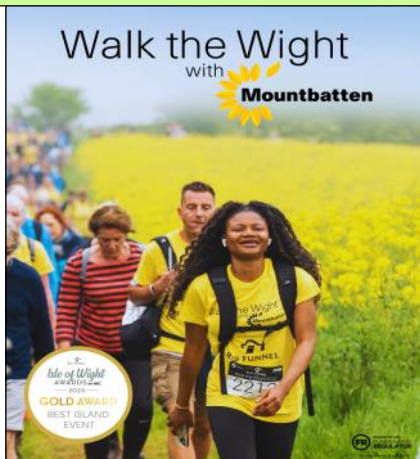
...*those in Our Year's Mind*: 6th Tom Rose

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.

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.



Sunday, 12 May 2024

Register now: [mountbatten.org.uk](https://www.mountbatten.org.uk)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

Our next Café 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. The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service 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 7th March** 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!

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 13th March** 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.

Elephant Club

The next Elephant Club will be on **Thursday 14th March** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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

David McCulloch will give another fascinating talk after our Morning Worship service on **Sunday 17th March**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more.

The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 22nd March**. Please come along and join us! We very much appreciate the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 3rd	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's)
Wed 6th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 7th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 10th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 13th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 14th	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)
Sun 17th	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Wed 20th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm PCC Meeting (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



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