



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.

10th March 2024

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024

This year the two recipients of the Bishop's Lent Appeal 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.

Easter Services

We'd love to see you at one or more of our services this Easter. Watch out for some slight changes in service start times though!

Tuesday 26th: **Stations of the Cross**
6pm at St Mark's

Thursday 28th: **Holy Thursday Communion**
7pm at St Edmund's

Friday 29th: **Good Friday All Age Family Service**
which will include readings, drama and activities. 10am at St Mark's

Sunday 31st: **Easter Sunday Holy Communion**
10am at St Mark's



THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday
Numbers 21.4-9; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21
Wednesday, 13th March 9.30am at St Edmund's
Isaiah 49.8-15
Sunday, 17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33



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

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.

Prayer

God of the ages, you are the beginning of our journey
and our strength as we pause along the way.
Hold us by the hand as we grow, show us where to seek you,
and guide our steps that we may find you.
Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,
and your peace when we reach our journey's end *Amen.*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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.

Stay&Play

All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend Stay&Play on **Thursday 14th 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!

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.

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**. More folders and deliverers of our parish magazine are needed, please. We really appreciate the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine.

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.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study group meets each week in the home of one of the group. If you are interested in joining either leave a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or email stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 17th	9.30am Morning Worship then Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Wed 20th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
Thu 21st	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 22nd	2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
Sat 23rd	10am–12noon Monthly Market (Comm. Centre H' Street)
Sun 24th	9.30am Palm Sunday 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