



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.

24th March 2024

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



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Wednesday 24th April**. This is an occasion when we reflect back over the previous year and elect the committee members who will serve for the coming year. The meeting gives the opportunity for new Parochial Church Council (PCC) members to join. If you are interested in doing this please think and pray about it, and speak with either Mary or Harry. Serving on this committee gives you a chance to know what is happening in the church, and the opportunity to give suggestions or even give help with things that may interest you. You would be made very welcome, as new members with fresh ideas are always very much appreciated!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Palm Sunday

Palm Gospel - Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1—15.47

Wednesday, 27th March 9.30am at St Edmund's

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Thursday, 28th March Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Friday, 29th March Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13—53.end; Hebrews 10.16-25 *or* 4.14-16, 5.7-9; John 18.1—19.42

Sunday, 31st March Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18



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 who are in Our Year's Mind*: 27th Edmund William Please, 28th Jasmine Thripleton

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.

Prayer

Lord God, you make all things new.

Inspire our lives with your spirit. Renew our prayer with your grace.

Transform our service with your love.

In the renewal of our life may your kingdom flourish and your church thrive so that all may come to know and love you in your Son Jesus Christ. *Amen*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

No Café Communion in April

Please be aware that we are unable to hold our Cafe Communion service on **Wednesday 3rd April**. There will not be a service on that day due to a plurality meeting taking place.

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 10th April** 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 11th April** 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.

Living Faith: New Testament

This free module starts on **Friday 12th April** at 7.30pm via zoom. It asks some deep questions about the New Testament. Why was it written? How are we supposed to read it today? Is it all true?

The answers to these questions can change our faith outlook.

Go to www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2024/04/12/living-faith-new-testament-2024/ for details and to book.

Special Services

On **Sunday 14th April** our 10am Holy Communion Service at St Mark's will be a special event as celebrant Bishop Jonathan formally receives David McCulloch into the Church of England.

Then, at 6pm on **Thursday 18th April** at 6pm we host a Commissioning Service at St Mark's for David Bennison and his colleagues on the Lay Preaching Course.

Evensong start time

Once clocks have 'sprung forward' to Summer Time on 31st March our Evensong services will revert to a start time of 6.30pm.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 24th	9.30am Palm Sunday Holy Communion (St Mark's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tues 26th	6pm Stations of the Cross (St. Mark's)
Wed 27th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 28th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's) 7pm Holy Thursday Communion (St Edmund's)
Fri 29th	10am Good Friday All Age Family Service (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 31st	10am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Wed 3rd Apr	No 11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 4th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 7th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's)
Wed 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (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