

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.

31st March 2024

Happy Easter!

We would love to see you at our Easter Sunday service this morning, 10am at St Mark's church.



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 Easter Sunday
Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18
Wednesday, 3rd April 11.15am at St Mark's
Mark 16.1-8
Sunday, 7th April Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1.1—2.2; John 20.19-31



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, all on our Luke 11 Line, and those who staff the children's ministry here.

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 4th Mary Lewis, 5th Toni Bennett

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

Now that our clocks have 'sprung forward' to Summer Time please be aware that our Evensong services will revert to a start time of 6.30pm.

Prayer

Lord God, thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you that by your might Jesus was raised from the grave,
paving the way for us to have a new life with you.

Shine your light in us, through us, and over us.

May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.

Help us to reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately
needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honour, on this day and forever. *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**. We apologise for this, and hope you will be even more keen to join us in May!

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.

Stay&Play

We have had to make the decision to cancel our Stay&Play sessions for the foreseeable future. An update will follow as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 31st 10am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Wed 3rd 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)

Later

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 Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 11th No Stay&Play (St Mark's)
11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)
2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 14th **10am** Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's)
6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 17th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 18th No Stay&Play (St Mark's)
11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)
6pm Lay Commissioning service (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.

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