

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.*

7th April 2024

## Special Services this month

On **Sunday 14th April** our 10am Holy Communion Service at St Mark's will be a special event as we welcome celebrant Bishop Jonathan. During the service he will formally receive 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.

## 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!

## Isle of Wight Foodbank

Collection boxes are available in both Churches for food etc. Financial donations are also much appreciated.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Second Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1.1—2.2; John 20.19-31  
Wednesday, 10th April 9.30am at St Edmund's  
Acts 5.17-26  
Sunday, 14th April Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3.12-19; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48



## **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 in Our Year's Mind*: 10<sup>th</sup> Jack Talbot, 12<sup>th</sup> Janet Susan Bond

...*those who have recently died*: Pamela Price

*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 revert to a start time of 6.30pm.

## **Prayer**

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all hope,  
asking that you send your Spirit to bring about a future,  
where neighbours embrace despite their differences,  
where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride,  
and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength.

May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon,  
so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. *Amen*

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### 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. We look forward to seeing you!

### Living Faith: New Testament

This free module starts on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2024/04/12/living-faith-new-testament-2024/) for details and to book.

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship today, **Sunday 21st April**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

### The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 26th April**. Please come along and join us! Without our volunteers, there would be no magazine so if you know someone who is prepared to help, do please let David Bennison know. In particular, more help is needed delivering *The Bridge*. If you would like to write an article for it please email Warwick at [thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

### 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 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)

### Later

Sun 14th	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion (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)
Sun 21st	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Mon 22nd	12noon Funeral: Pamela Price (St Edmund's)
Wed 24th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm APCM (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](http://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](mailto: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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