

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.

14th April 2024

Special Services this month

This morning our 10am Holy Communion Service at St Mark's is 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!

Prayer

Lord, renew us in the power of your Spirit that we may open the doors and go out into the world to bring words of peace to the people we meet. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3.12-19; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48
Wednesday, 17th April 9.30am at St Edmund's
Acts 8.1b-8
Sunday, 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18



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

...*those in Our Year's Mind*: 16th Doreen Faulkner, 17th Carol Russell

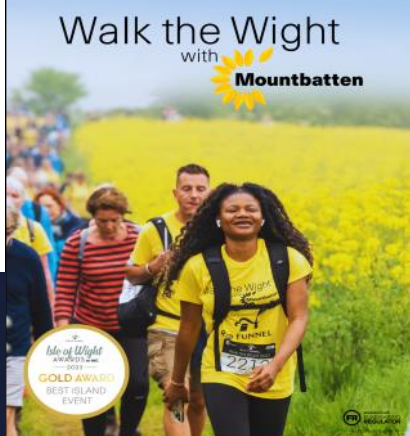
If you would like a name to be added to the prayer list (with the consent of the person named) please let Helen Davison know. Names will remain on the list for an initial period of 4 weeks. Please inform Helen if you wish a name to be included after this time, or when prayers have been answered or are no longer needed. Names in our 'Year's Mind' will be published for three years and then removed unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Thy Kingdom Come 9-19 May 2024

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.



Light Up The World In Prayer
9th - 19th May 2024



Sunday, 12 May 2024

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 1st May**. 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.

Come and Sing Songs from the Musicals!

This fundraising event for the Friend's of St Edmund's will be happening on **Saturday 11th May** at St Mark's from 7pm-9pm. Refreshments will be available, and a retiring collection will be taken for St Edmunds Church Building Trust.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study group meets each week in the home of one of the group. If you want more information please leave a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or email stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com

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

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| Sun 14th | 10am 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) |

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| 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) |
| Thu 25th | No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Fri 26th | 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's) |
| Sat 27th | 10am Monthly Market (Community Centre H'Street) |
| Sun 28th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's) |
| Wed 1st May | 11.15am Café Communion (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