

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.*

21st April 2024

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Wednesday 24th April**. Those on our electoral roll are welcome to attend the meeting at St Mark's, starting at 7pm.

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**

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will  
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## **THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

Wednesday, 24th April 9.30am at St Edmund's

Acts 12.24—13.5

Sunday, 28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-40; 1 John 4.7-21; *either* John 15.1-8 *or* Mark 16.9-20



## **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, the family and friends of Pamela Price



...*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:* 22<sup>nd</sup> Eric Lewis, 26<sup>th</sup> Nicola Martin, Phoebe Martin, Tom Rayner, and George Cox

*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 9th to 19th May for more people to come to know Jesus. This happens from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday and the emphasis during the 11 days is to pray for specific individuals to become new disciples of Jesus. There will be a variety of resources that will help us do this, including prayer journals, novenas and prayer diaries to download or order print copies of.

More can be found at [www.thykingdomcome.global/new-2024](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/new-2024)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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)

### Later

Sun 28th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 1st	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 2nd	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 5th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's)
Wed 8th	9.30am Holy Communion (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](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.

**Weekly Sheet co-ordinator:** Helen Davison is contactable on 882330 or by email at [helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk)