



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.*

9th June 2024

## General Election 2024

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York released a statement after the announcement that there will be a General Election on 4th July encouraging us all to commit to grace, truth and integrity at this time. It can be found at: [www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/general-election-2024-invitation-pray-nation](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/general-election-2024-invitation-pray-nation). One of the ways in which the Church of England will be involved is by calling people to pray for our nation and to take part in the democratic process.

This campaign is called 'Pray Your Part' and will include daily reflections and some video footage during the election campaign. You can sign up to receive these here: [www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024](http://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024)



If you don't already make a monthly donation to our parish, please would you consider doing so? Regular monthly giving helps us to budget, and just £5 per month makes a difference! We are part of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Donations can be made monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit. Please see David M, David B or Helen for further information.

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

*Amen.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Second Sunday after Trinity  
Genesis 3.8-15; 2 Corinthians 4.13—5:1; Psalm 130; Mark 3.20-35  
Wednesday, 12th June 9.30am at St Edmund's

1 Kings 18.20-39

Sunday, 16th June Third Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 5.6-17; Mark 4.26-34



## **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:* Cynara Crump, Jenny Lake, Kurt, Ann Riley, Myra, Eileen Emmerson, 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 our children's ministry.

...*those in Our Year's Mind:* 12<sup>th</sup> Harry Cheek, 13<sup>th</sup> Mabel Jolliffe

*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.*

## **Bible Study Group**

The Bible Study group meets each week in the home of one of the group. If you are interested in joining or want more information please either leave a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or email [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com)

## **Service Information**

We are now using the common cup during communion services subject to the priest's preference. Those who prefer the practice of intinction may continue to do so.

Please be aware that due to a shortage of available clergy on the Island at the moment, it may sometimes be necessary to hold a service of Morning Prayer in place of Holy Communion.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 12th June** 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

A social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next is on **Thursday 13th June**, 2-4pm at St Mark's. Each month's programme is different. Anyone who would like good company and cake is cake is invited to attend - we'd love to see you!

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

David McCulloch gives another talk on **Sunday 16th June**. Come along to St Mark's at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

### Stay&Play

All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend Stay&Play on **Thursday 20th June** at 9.15am with an adult. We have a range of play and craft activities. There is no charge. Free toast and a snack is available to all, and free tea/coffee for adults!

### The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be held in St Mark's Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 28th June**. Please come along and join us. We are grateful for the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine. If you would be interested in writing an article for it or if you can help with delivering The Bridge in your neighbourhood please email [thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

### Songs of Praise

The next Songs of Praise service will take place at 9.30am on **Sunday 30th June** at St Mark's. The theme is 'Saints', so place your choice of hymn on the noticeboard in the church now!

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 9th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Mon 10th	1.30pm Funeral: Yvonne Gilbert (IoW Crematorium)
Wed 12th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 13th	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 16th	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk (St Mark's)
Wed 19th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)
Thu 20th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 26th	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).

**Churchwarden:** Harry Kirby

**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)