



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.

30th June 2024

Diocesan Synod affirms vision and strategy

The vision for our diocese was affirmed by Diocesan Synod last weekend. It speaks of the people we want to be and the culture we want to develop. A strategic framework that will help us towards that vision was agreed, which includes ways in which we seek to **Revive, Revitalise and Renew** our shared Christian life.

The vision is to be a Church with Jesus Christ at the heart of everything we do, a Church in which we seek God's Kingdom, and where all are enabled to experience a life-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ in order to become disciples.

That vision is supplemented by two further priorities:

- We deliberately prioritise our work with **children, young people and young adults**, to enable a new generation to grow in faith and find their voice.
- We value and treasure our **older people**, and ensure they are cared for holistically, by the provision of Anna Chaplaincy to support them in every parish, benefice and cluster in the diocese.

You can read more about the vision and strategy at www.portsmouth.anglican.org/our-strategy/

Prayer

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Wisdom 1.13-15, 2.23-24; 2 Corinthians 8.7-end; Mark 5.2-43
Wednesday, 3rd July 11.15am at St Mark's
Either Habakkuk 2.1-42 *or* Amos 5.14-15, 21-24
Sunday, 7th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Ezekiel 2.1-5; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13



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: Tracey, Cynara Crump and family, 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 who are in Our Year's Mind: 2nd Matthew Brunt, 3rd James Frederick Renton

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.

Isle of Wight Foodbank

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

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:

Songs of Praise

The next Songs of Praise service will take place at 9.30am today **Sunday 30th June** at St Mark's. The theme is 'Saints'.

Open Gardens Havenstreet

Green Heys and Primrose Cottage Church Road Havenstreet will be opening their gardens in memory of Hilary Spurgeon today **Sunday 30th June** from 1.30 to 4pm. The £5pp entry will include refreshments and parking in Woodford's Dairy, Pondcast Lane.

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 3rd July**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

Celtic Evening Prayer

An invitation to a short service of Celtic Evening Prayer to be held outside (weather permitting) at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham, commencing at 6pm. These services take place on the first Sunday in the month...the next being on **Sunday July 7th**

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 10th July** at 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge.

Elephant Club

A social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next is on **Thursday 11th July**, 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend!

Service Information

Please be aware that there will not be Evensong at St Edmund's on **Sunday 14th July** as we will be supporting St Mildred's Whippingham for their Patronal Festival. Evensong service there will commence at 5.30pm with Cantus Vesperi and all are invited.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 30th	9.30am Songs of Praise (St Mark's) 1.30-4.30pm Open Gardens in Havenstreet (see Pg 3)
Wed 3rd July	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)
Sat 6th	12noon Party in the Park (Wootton Rec)

Later

Sun 7th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 6pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Mildred's)
Tue 9th	5pm Archdeacons visitations (Newport Minster)
Wed 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's) 11am Funeral: Jenny Lake (WB Methodist Church) <i>Please wear bright colours to reflect Jenny's personality</i>
Thu 11th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (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).

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