



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 July 2024

Launch of national school project

Bishop Jonathan led the national launch of the Church of England's new 'Flourish' initiative this week, which aims to create a series of worshipping communities in church schools, community schools and colleges. A two-year pilot will involve 40 new worshipping communities being created in 12 dioceses.

As part of the pilot, four schools in our diocese will work alongside their local parishes to create such groups from September. Pupils will learn more about faith and worship God at lunchtime or after-school. Three of them are on the IoW: Bembridge C of E Primary (*supported by Holy Trinity Church*), The Bay C of E Primary site and The Bay C of E Secondary site (*both supported by Christ Church, Sandown*).

Isle of Wight Foodbank

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

Prayer

Lord God, we live in disturbing days, across the world, prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer, be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us to receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Amos 7.7-15; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
Wednesday, 17th July 9.30am at St Edmund's
Isaiah 10.5-7, 13-16
Sunday, 21st July Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34, 53-end



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: Lisa, Tracey, Cynara, Kurt, 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: 19th Violet Wade

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.

Safeguarding

If you have concerns about a child or an adult who may be vulnerable or at risk please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Steve Beynon on 07894353584.

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:

Service Information

Please be aware that there will not be Evensong at St Edmund's tonight, **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.

Stay&Play

All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend Stay&Play on **Thursday 18th July** at 9.15am with an adult. This will be the last session before the school summer holidays. 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 Big Mac Talks (*A meaty Bible study*)

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

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 7th August**. 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.

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 on **Sunday August 4th**.

Bible Study Group

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

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 14th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am All Age Worship (St Mildred's) No Evensong (St Edmund's) 5.30pm Evensong with Cantus Vesperi for the Patronal Festival of St Mildred's Whippingham (St Mildred's)
Tue 16th	10am Monthly Coffee Morning (St James')
Wed 17th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) PCC Meeting cancelled
Thu 18th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 19th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)

Later

Sun 21st	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Big Mac Talk (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 12.30pm Baptism (St Edmund's)
Wed 24th	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



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

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Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison is contactable on 882330 or by email at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk