



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 July 2024

Living Faith: Questions of Faith

This Living Faith module attempts to cover the main questions of faith that influence us today in our contemporary Christianity, taking a difficult question and thinking about it in the light of the Church's historic doctrines. Each week you will find a new subject to discover. The course will take place online. It starts on **6th September** and ends on **15th November**. For more details and to book go to: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2024/09/06/living-faith-questions-faith/

Anti-bullying guidance in church schools

Bishop Jonathan is the C of E's lead bishop on education and has been involved in the publication of new anti-bullying guidance in C of E schools. 'Flourishing for All' will address bullying on the basis of race, special educational needs, religion, sexuality and other protected characteristics. You can read more about it here: www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/new-anti-bullying-guidance-church-england-schools-published

Prayer

All generous God,
you poured yourself out in creation,
were totally spent in Christ's death on the cross,
and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34, 53-end
Wednesday, 24th July 9.30am at St Edmund's



Jeremiah 1.1, 4-10

Sunday, 28th July Ninth Sunday after Trinity
2 Kings 4.42-end; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 1.21

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. Also Arthur James Moss being baptized today, his parents and godparents.

...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: 21st Jenny Goodall, 23rd Joan Hill, 26th David Simmonds

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:

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.

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**.

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.

Elephant Club

A social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next is on **Thursday 8th August**, 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We would love to see you!

Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

The annual Jigsaw Puzzle Festival at St James' church will be taking place from **Monday 12th—Saturday 17th August**. More details will be available soon, but make a note in your diary now!

Help will be required throughout the week and your support attending the event will be appreciated!

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 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)
Thu 25th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 26th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)

Later

Sun 28th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am Morning Worship (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 31st	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 1st Aug	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 2nd	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred'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