

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.

11th August 2024

St James' Church Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

The annual Jigsaw Puzzle Festival at St James' church will be taking place from **Monday 12th—Saturday 17th August**. Puzzles will be on display and available to buy each day from 10am to 4pm, plus on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Entrance costs £1 per adult but is free for Children. Light lunches and refreshments will be available.

Help will be required throughout the week. If you can assist there is a rota in St James for you to sign up, or let Helen Davison know. Your support attending the event will be appreciated!

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/

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all comfort asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold all those who are grieving, all those who are suffering, all those in fear, and all those in captivity. May the arms of comfort and compassion overwhelm the arms of war. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
1 Kings 19.4-8; Ephesians 4.25—5.2; John 6.35, 41-51
Wednesday, 14th August 9.30am at St Edmund's
Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10, 18-22
Sunday, 18th August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58



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*: John C, 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*: 11th Isobel Rayner, 14th Peter Bailey, 15th Mike Sheppard, 16th, Mary Wright

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.

A request for your plastic milk bottle tops, empty ink cartridges and stamps!

Two youngsters connected with our parish have been given ability dogs from a charity that not only pays for and trains the dog, but also covers all its expenses. The charity collects plastic milk bottle tops (without the silvery bottle inner cover), empty ink cartridges and stamps. If you have any of these items please bring them to either St Mark's or St Edmund's and we will arrange for them to be passed on. Thank you!

Isle of Wight Foodbank

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 14th August** 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.

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 18th August**. 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 30th August**. Please come along and join us!

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 September 1st**.

Bible Study Group

With effect from **Thursday 5th September** the Bible Study group will meet weekly in St Mark's Coffee Lounge—with the exception of the 3rd Thursday each month due to Stay and Play. Newcomers are very welcome!

Ride&Stride

Ride&Stride takes place this year on **Saturday 14th September**, with cyclists and walkers raising sponsorship money by visiting churches across the diocese. The money raised helps to fund repairs to church buildings and graveyards, and we have benefitted from this in the past. St Edmund's Church will be open to participants again. If you wish to be involved by getting sponsors and visiting a few (or a lot!) of churches that day either by bicycle or on foot please let Helen Davison know.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 11th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 11.15am All Age Worship (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 15th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 16th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)

Later

Sun 18th	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)
Wed 21st	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 22nd	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 23rd	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