

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.

18th August 2024

Volunteering

Volunteering is good for the health of both mind and body apparently, and we are very grateful to all who give their time to help with the running of our churches. If you have an interest in volunteering in any way please do let Harry, Mary or Helen know.

You may not either want or be able to take on very much, and you may only be available occasionally, but every little really does help. These are just some of the examples:

In the churches: Welcoming, singing, serving, helping with our children's work, serving coffee, washing up, tidying and cleaning. Chair moving, flower arranging, assisting with running our clubs.

In the community: delivering The Bridge magazine and food donations to the Food Bank. Pastoral care and school liaison.

From home: Admin, social media, accounts support, and prayer.

Other: Unlocking/locking churches for daily prayer or hall hire. Maintaining the church grounds, flowers, and buildings. Buying supplies and removing rubbish. Putting up banners, posters and notices. Being a member of the PCC.

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all peace
asking that you send your Spirit to
strengthen and uphold those pursuing an end to violence,
embolden those with a heart for truth and justice,
and amplify voices of wisdom and restraint.

May the light of peace and reconciliation
overwhelm the darkness of destruction. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 9.1-6; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58

Wednesday, 21st August 9.30am at St Edmund's

Ezekiel 34.1-11

Sunday, 25th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69



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*: Julie and Graham, Lisa, John C, 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*: 20th Peggy Spencer, 20th Frank Frost, 21st Trevor Walker, 22nd Stan Rapley

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:

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship today **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

You are invited to join the next session of Bridge-folding in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 30th August**. Alternatively, if you would be interested in writing an article for The Bridge please email

Warwick at thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

We are grateful for the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine. If you know someone who might be prepared to help us, do please let David Bennison know.

Celtic Evening Prayer

There is to be a short service of Celtic Evening Prayer (which will be held outside if weather permits) at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham on **Sunday 1st September** at 6pm.

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 4th September**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

Bible Study Group

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

Living Faith: Questions of Faith

This online course attempts to cover the main questions of faith that influence us today, tackling a new subject each week. It starts on

6th September and ends on **15th November**. To book go to:

www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2024/09/06/living-faith-questions-faith/

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 25th	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 28th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 29th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 30th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's) 2pm Bridge Folding (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