



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.

28th July 2024

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.

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. We would like to support them, so 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!.

Prayer

God of the ages, you are the beginning of our journey
and our strength as we pause along the way.
Hold us by the hand as we grow, show us where to seek you,
and guide our steps that we may find you.
Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,
and your peace when we reach our journey's end *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Ninth Sunday after Trinity
2 Kings 4.42-end; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 1.21
Wednesday, 31st July 9.30am at St Edmund's
Jeremiah 15.10, 16-end
Sunday, 4th August Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35



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 in Our Year's Mind*: 30th Daniel Demissie, 1st Emma Pye

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.

The Weekly Sheet

If you know of anyone who would appreciate being up-to-date with all the parish news by receiving the Weekly Sheet by email each week please contact me at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk.

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:

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 Cafe 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!

MBBG

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.

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 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)

Later

Sun 4th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's)
Wed 7th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 8th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 9th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)
Sun 11th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 6.30pm Evensong (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

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