

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.

8th September 2024

A Special Announcement!

We are delighted to announce that the Rev Sandra Matthews is to be appointed as Rector of Whippingham and East Cowes.

She will also be appointed as Priest in Charge of Wootton with a view to being named as the incumbent of both benefices in due course when the new plurality comes into force.

Sandra and her husband Roy come to us from Dorset where Sandra works remotely as Director of the International Anglican School in Jerusalem and as clergy supporting a local parish in vacancy. For more information go to: <https://bit.ly/3z0Beui>

The institution will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 6pm at St Mildred's Church.

Please pray for Sandra and her future ministry with us.

Prayer

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 35.4-7a; James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7.24-end
Wednesday, 11th September 9.30am at St Edmund's
1 Corinthians 7.25-31

Sunday, 15th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-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: Hilary, 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.

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.

Exciting news!

The PCC are very pleased to announce that David McCulloch will be starting a priestly vocational discernment programme this month. This will mean he will be absent from our services on some occasions in order to attend training, but he does so with our full support, best wishes, and prayers.

Milk bottle tops, empty ink cartridges and stamps!

Please don't forget to bring your plastic milk bottle tops (without the silvery bottle inner cover), empty ink cartridges and stamps to either St Mark's or St Edmund's so that they may be passed on to the charity supporting two local families with ability dogs. Thank you!

Donations for the IoW foodbank are still also much appreciated.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 11th September** 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.

Stay&Play

Stay&Play has moved to the second Thursday of each month, so the next group will meet on **Thursday 12th September** at 9.15am. All children aged 8 years and under are invited to attend with an adult. 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!

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 12th September**, from 2-4pm at St Mark's. We would love to see you there!

Ride&Stride

This takes place on **Saturday 14th September**, with cyclists and walkers raising sponsorship money by visiting churches across the diocese. We have benefitted from this in the past so St Edmund's will again be open to participants. For more info contact Helen Davison.

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 15th September**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

The Bridge

More help would be appreciated delivering *The Bridge* each month.

If you are able to help please either let David Bennison know or email thebridge@cofeaparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 27th September**.

Please come along and join us!

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 8th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am All Age Worship (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 12th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 13th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)

Later

Sun 15th	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) 3pm - 5pm Cream Tea (St Mildred's Orchard)
Tue 17th	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 18th	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

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