

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.*

15th September 2024

## **Special Announcement update!**

The Rev Sandra Matthews is to be appointed as Rector of Whippingham and East Cowes, and as Priest in Charge of Wootton on 9th October, with a view to being named as the incumbent of both benefices in due course when the new plurality comes into force.

Wootton Rectory is currently being prepared for Sandra and her husband Roy to move into later this month. Please pray for them both as they make this move to the Island, and for Sandra's future ministry with us.

## **A date for your diary**

The Friends of St Edmunds are holding a fundraising festive music evening on **Saturday 30th November** from 7-9pm. Please make a note of the date, and support this if you can.

## **Prayer**

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all hope, asking that you send your Spirit to bring about a future, where neighbours embrace despite their differences, where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride, and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength. May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon, so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away. *Amen*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end

Wednesday, 18th September 9.30am at St Edmund's

1 Corinthians 12.13b—13.end

Sunday, 22nd September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

*Either* Wisdom 1.16—2.1, 12-22 *or* Jeremiah 11.18-20;

James 3.13—4.3, 7-8a; Mark 9.30-37



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

... Bishop Jonathan, Asst. Bishop Rob, Area Dean and Archdeacon Steve Daughtery, Associate Area Dean James Cook, Sandra and Roy Matthews, 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.

*...those in Our Year's Mind:* 15<sup>th</sup> Dolly Eagle, 19<sup>th</sup> Nitin Pradhan

*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.*

## **Service Information**

David McCulloch will be attending training at Cuddesdon next weekend, so will be away for our Holy Communion and Evensong services on **Sunday 22nd September**.

## **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:

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship today **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](mailto: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!

### **Songs of Praise**

The next Songs of Praise service will take place at 9.30am on **Sunday 29th September** at St Mark's. The theme is 'Harvest'.

### **Generosity Week**

We believe in a generous God, a God who gave us everything. Giving and generosity are inextricably linked with the living out of our Christian faith. Generosity Week this year will take place from **Sunday 29th Sept to Sunday 6th Oct**.

### **Café Communion**

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 2nd October**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com). The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service and all donations are split between Wootton School's hardship fund and our parish.

### **Celtic Evening Prayer**

An invitation to a short service of Celtic Evening Prayer which will be held outside (weather permitting) at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham on **Sunday 6th October** at 6pm

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

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) 7pm PCC Meeting (c/o Hilary Baldwin)
Thu 19th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 20th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's)

### Later

Sun 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am Morning Worship (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evening Service (St Edmund's)
Wed 25th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 26th	No Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (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)

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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](mailto: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](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk)