



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.

1st December 2024

Mountbatten Light up a Life

Dedicate a light to your loved one from 4pm-6pm today, **Sunday 1st December**, at the Mountbatten hospice on Halberry Lane, Newport (PO30 2ER). Find out more and let them know you plan to attend at www.mountbatten.org.uk



Lights of Love Service

A 'Lights of Love' service is to be held at the IoW Crematorium chapel for families and friends to remember loved ones they have lost on **Friday 6th December** at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available after the ceremony. All proceeds will be donated to the Mountbatten Hospice. For more details, contact the council's bereavement services on 882288

Advent Carol Service

On **Sunday 8th December** we are holding an Advent Carol Service with Cantus Vesperi at 5pm at St Edmund's church.

A lovely way to celebrate the season of Advent, and all are very welcome to attend!



Advent Prayer for Hope

Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. As we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36
Wednesday, 4th December 11.15am at St Mark's



Isaiah 25.6-10a

Sunday, 8th December Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch ch5; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



...Bishop Jonathan, Asst.Bishop Rob, Archdeacon Steve,
Area Dean Chris, Associate Area Deans James, Tom and Vicky

...Sandra and Roy Matthews, God's mission and our ministry in
Wootton, and those who staff our children's ministry

...from the Diocesan cycle of prayers - Petersfield Deanery Officers

...our Christian brothers and sisters in North Korea and the Middle East

...the children of our church and parish, and the Island School and
Street Pastors

... *those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Hilary, Katrina, Julie and
Graham, Lisa, Tracey, Cynara, Eileen Emmerson, Suzie Willcox, and
all on our Luke 11 Line.

...*those who have recently died*: Ian McDowall, George Lowndes,
Angela Marjorie Stevenson

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 1st Ralph Bickley, 5th Ronald
Wade, 6th Peggy Sharland

*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.*

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Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?!

If so, please consider using easyfundraising.org.uk when shopping
online. It is a really easy way to raise funds for church at no cost to you!

Simply sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccwootton
and then start your online shopping.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

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

MBBBG

The popular Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will be held on **Wednesday 11th December**, 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge

Stay&Play

Stay&Play will next be held on **Thursday 12th December** starting at 9.15am. All children aged 8 years and under are welcome to attend with an adult. We have a range of play and craft activities. There is no charge, and free toast and a snack is available to all!

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 December** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. We would love to see you!

St Mildred's Christmas Tree Festival

St Mildred's Christmas Tree Festival is returning and you are warmly invited to visit this beautiful church on the following dates:



Thursday 12th December - 11am - 3pm

Friday 13th December - 11am - 3pm

Saturday 14th December - 11am - 3pm

Sunday 15th December - 1pm - 3pm, then Carol service at 4pm

Entry is free and all donations plus proceeds from the raffle will go to the East Cowes Food Pantry and the Salvation Army Christmas lunch for the homeless. The café will be open for drinks and refreshments, and there is plenty of parking!

Christmas Carol Service

We shall be holding a Carol Service this year at St Edmund's church on **Sunday 22nd December** at 5pm. Please do come and join in!

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 1st Dec	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 4th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 5th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 6th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

Later

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) 5pm Advent Carol Service with Cantus Vesperi (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)

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: Rev'd Sandra Matthews - contactable by email at stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com or by leaving a message on 301880. (Emails and messages 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 Steve Beynon on 0789 435 3584 or at safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison may be contacted on 882330 or by email at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk