

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.

10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

Please be aware that on **Sunday 10th November** our service of Holy Communion and Explorers at St Mark's will commence at **10am**, and will include an act of Remembrance at **11am**.

Then in the afternoon a Remembrance Service will be held at St Edmund's **War Memorial at 3pm**.



Bishop urges council to pause school closure plans

Bishop Jonathan has urged council leaders to pause plans to close six Isle of Wight schools, and to reconsider other solutions.

He submitted his response to proposals by the Isle of Wight Council to close six schools – including three Church of England primaries – to deal with an issue of surplus places.

He has asked for Oakfield CofE Primary in Ryde, Arreton CofE Primary and Brading CofE Primary to remain open because he believes closure would damage vulnerable communities and reduce parental choice. You can read more about this here:

www.portsmouth.anglican.org/IWschools/

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Remembrance Sunday
1 Kings 17.8-26; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44
Wednesday, 13th November 9.30am at St Edmund's
Titus 3.1-7



Sunday, 17th November Second Sunday before Advent
Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25; Mark 13.1-8

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 - Mission and Education staff

...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:* Katrina, Tom, Julie and
Graham, Lisa, Tracey, Cynara, Eileen Emmerson, Suzie Willcox, and
all on our Luke 11 Line

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind:* 11th Tom King

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.

Major investment approved for diocesan strategy

Bishop Jonathan has said that the national Church has endorsed our diocese's strategic plans, offering major investment of around £1m a year over the next five years. This investment will help employ the people and revamp the buildings to help parishes and church schools thrive. There is a drive to rejuvenate our diocese with a programme that includes reviving wellbeing and spiritual leadership, revitalising our churches to create pathways to discipleship, and renewing our diocese with church plants and new worshipping communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Service update

We are pleased to share that the following additional communion services have recently commenced:

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's every Thursday

9.30am Holy Communion at St. James' every Friday

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 13th November** 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

Our next Stay&Play will be on **Thursday 14th November** starting at 9.15am. All children aged 8 years and under are very welcome to attend with an adult. 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 14th November** 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend.

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

David McCulloch will NOT be giving a talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 17th November**. Instead, we shall be learning more about Safeguarding Sunday and you are very welcome to join us. Safeguarding Sunday gives an opportunity to raise awareness of Safeguarding, to help to protect vulnerable people.

A Festive Fundraising Event

The Friends of St Edmunds would like to invite you to a festive music evening on **Saturday 30th November** from 7-9pm. This will be held at St Edmund's Church.

Dates for your Diary

This week

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| Sun 10th | 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 10am Holy Communion and Explorers followed by an Act of Remembrance (St Mark's) 11.15am All Age Worship (St Mildred's) 3pm Remembrance Service (St Edmund's War Memorial) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's) |
| Wed 13th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Gathering (St Mark's) |
| Thu 14th | 9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) 7pm Thanksgiving evening (St Mark's) |
| Fri 15th | 9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St. James') |

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| Sun 17th | 9.30am Morning Worship followed by Safeguarding Sunday Talk (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) |
| Wed 20th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) |

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