

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.*

24th November 2024



## A Festive Fundraising Event

The Friends of St Edmunds invite you to a festive music evening from 7- 9pm on **Saturday 30th November** at St Edmund's Church. Join us in singing festive music and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Retiring collection.

## Mountbatten Light up a Life

This December we are invited to light up a life and donate to support patients and families supported by Mountbatten Isle of Wight. Dedicate a light to your loved one from 4pm - 6pm on **Sunday 1st December**, at the Mountbatten hospice on Halberry Lane, Newport (PO30 2ER).



This is an occasion to celebrate the memory of those we love who have died. Light a candle in memory while listening to festive music and readings, then enjoy a mince pie and warm drink. You may dedicate a light even if you cannot attend. Find out more, and let Mountbatten know you plan to attend at [www.mountbatten.org.uk](http://www.mountbatten.org.uk)

## Prayer

Lord God, you make all things new.

Inspire our lives with your spirit.

Renew our prayer with your grace.

Transform our service with your love.

In the renewal of our life may your kingdom flourish and your church thrive so that all may come to know and love you in your Son Jesus Christ. *Amen*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Christ the King  
Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37  
Wednesday, 27th November 9.30am at St Edmund's  
Revelation 15.1-4  
Sunday, 1st December First Sunday of Advent  
Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36



## **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. The family and friends of Dorothy Smith,  
whose funeral takes place on Tuesday.

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 24<sup>th</sup> Beryl Sheppard

*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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) when shopping online. It is a really easy way to raise funds at no cost to you!

Simply sign up at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccwootton](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccwootton) and then start your online shopping.

All purchases made in this way raise money for Church funds!

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 29th November**.

Please come along and join us.

We are grateful for the help of all our volunteers. If you know someone who might be prepared to help deliver *The Bridge* do please let David Bennison know as more help is required.

### Safeguarding: Service of Reflection

A Service of Reflection in Solidarity with Survivors will take place at Newport Minster on **Saturday 30th November** at 11am to enable us to pray, reflect and re-dedicate ourselves to the work of keeping vulnerable people safe.

### Café Communion

Our next Cafe 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](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com).

### Advent Carol Service

On **Sunday 8th December** we are holding Advent Carol Service with Cantus Vesperi at 5pm at St Edmund's. A lovely way to celebrate the season of Advent, all are very welcome to attend!

### 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!

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 24th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am Morning Worship (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tue 26th	11am Funeral: Dorothy Smith (St Edmund's)
Wed 27th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 28th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 29th	9am Morning Prayer (St Mildred's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St. James') 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
Sat 30th	7pm Festive evening (St Edmund's)

### Later

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)

*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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

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