



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 December 2024

Advent Carol Service

Today, **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!



Christmas carols with Mountbatten IoW

You are invited to join Mountbatten IoW for a Christmas carol concert at All Saints church, Ryde from 6-9pm on **Wednesday 18th December**. This special annual event will feature performances from the Mountbatten Choir and Christ the King College's Worship Band. There will be readings, seasonal carols and the chance to enjoy a glass of mulled wine accompanied by a mince pie. Please note, there will be no on-site parking. Instead, there are plenty of nearby car parks.

This lovely service is free to attend, but we would ask that you book a space in advance here:

www.mountbatten.org.uk/event/book-christmas-carols-with-mountbatten-isle-of-wight

Advent Prayer for Peace

Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch ch5; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6
Wednesday, 11th December 9.30am at St Edmund's
Isaiah 40.25-end
Sunday, 15th December Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3.14-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18



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 - Portsmouth Cathedral
...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:* Arthur Edwards, Hilary,
Katrina, Julie and Graham, Lisa, Tracey, Cynara, Eileen Emmerson,
Suzie Willcox, and all on our Luke 11 Line.

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.

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

David McCulloch is training and will sadly not be able to give his usual talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 17th November**.

Our diocese's rejuvenate strategy

There is now a brochure which helps to explain our dioceses's vision and strategy for the next five years, and it can be found at:

www.portsmouth.anglican.org/documents/diocese-portsmouth-strategy-brochure/

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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!

Display of Nativity Cribs

On **Saturday 14th December** from 10am-3pm there will be a display of Nativity Cribs in Holy Cross church Binstead.

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 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)
Tue 10th	10am Christmas Coffee Morning (St. James')
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) 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)
Fri 13th	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James') 1.30pm Funeral: Angela Stevenson (St Edmund's)

Later

Sun 15th	9.30am Morning Worship no Big Mac talk (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
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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