

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.

12th January 2025

Looking back on last year

Recently Portsmouth Diocese shared a number of 'Best of 2024' stories on Facebook and Instagram, looking back on the many news and events that took place over the year. Amongst the ordination and licensing services that take place each year, there were memorial services, pirate parties, trips to Ghana, France and Cornwall, new projects launched, renovation projects completed, and many new clergy welcomed to our diocese. Visit www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/ to read more.

Tuesday Games Evening

Plans are afoot to start up regular Games Evenings on a Tuesday to include ping-pong, carpet bowls, Rummikub etc.



If interested please would you contact Rose Fox, Harry (harryskirby@btinternet.com) or Steve Beynon

Prayer

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Baptism of Christ
Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
Wednesday, 15th January 9.30am at St Edmund's
Hebrews 2.14-end

Sunday, 19th January Second Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11



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 - Fareham 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:* Arthur Edwards, and all
on our Luke 11 Line

... *those who have recently died:* John Lea, Derek Johnston

... *those in Our Year's Mind:* 13th Cecil Jolliffe, 14th Brian Wratten,
16th Carole Marshall, 17th Margaret Bennett and Michael Mansbridge

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.

'Luke 11 line'

Don't forget—If you are in need of prayer or if you would like to hold either a situation or someone else in prayer, please let Helen Hopper know. She will then ask those on the 'Luke 11 line' to pray—keeping all requests confidential. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain (by email, text, or phone) please let her know this too.

Helen is contactable at helen.hopper47@btinternet.com

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Bible Study Group

Our Bible Study Group meets at St Mark's most Thursdays, and you are very welcome to join. The exception to the norm is that the group makes way for Stay and Play on the second Thursday each month, and instead meets in a member's house.

Please be aware that due to essential Safeguard Training taking place in the church, the Bible Study Group will also be relocating on **Thursday 16th and Thursday 23rd January.**

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 19th January.** Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 31st January.**

This is a sociable session, so please come along and join us!

We are grateful for the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine. If you know someone who might be prepared to help us, (particularly with delivering *The Bridge*) do please let David Bennison know. Alternatively would you be interested in writing an article for it? If so, please email Warwick at thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 5th February.** Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

We are very grateful to Rev Len Fox for all he does for us. The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service and all donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 12th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 15th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 16th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 17th	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

Later

Sun 19th	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)
Tue 21st	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
Thu 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (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