

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.

19th January 2025

Retirement of Len Fox

Len has been an integral part of our church family for many years now, and although we hope this situation continues for many more years, he has decided not to renew his 'Permission to Officiate' (PTO) at end this month.

Retired clergy play a vital part in the Church's mission, and the House of Bishop's policy includes the statement that it is necessary to both ensure that appropriate use is made of their talents and to ensure that their ministry is properly acknowledged and affirmed and supported.

During his time with us Len has indeed made excellent use of his many talents...and his time, experience, and enthusiasm...all of which will be very sorely missed. His relaxed nature and good humour have also been greatly appreciated.
(His time-keeping perhaps less so.....sorry Len!)

Len recently took his last Cafe Communion Service at which he was presented with a card and present (and flowers for the lovely Rose!) Thank you Len!

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught about building treasure in heaven rather than on earth.
Teach us to be content when our needs are satisfied
rather than our wants,
and grant us wisdom to be faithful stewards *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

Wednesday, 22nd January 9.30am at St Edmund's

Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17

Sunday, 26th January Third Sunday of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21



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 - Gosport 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 are in Our Year's Mind:* 24th Linda Williams

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 is contactable at helen.hopper47@btinternet.com

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



GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

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

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 23rd January**.

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

Funeral of Eileen Emmerson

Manda has invited all who knew Eileen to attend her funeral which will take place at St Mark's on **Tuesday February 4th** at 12.30pm.

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.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) followed by 10.30am 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	11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 24th	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

Later

Sun 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 29th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 30th	11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 31st	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James') 11am Funeral: Derek Johnson (St Edmund'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)

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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