

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.

26th January 2025

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2025

There are calls this year for increased awareness, prayer, and reflection on Holocaust Memorial Day, which as always falls on 27th January. The reason for the extra focus this year is because 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp.

The Holocaust Memorial Trust requests that we each consider lighting a candle of remembrance in our homes at 8pm on **Monday 27th January**. They also call for prayer; prayer for Holocaust survivors and prayer against rising anti-Semitism.

Thank you

Prayer thanks

Harry would like to thank all who have been praying for his niece Lisa who has been given the news that she is now cancer-free.

Prayer

Lord God, we live in disturbing days, across the world, prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer, be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us to receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday of Epiphany
Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21
Wednesday, 29th January 9.30am at St Edmund's
Hebrews 10.11-18



Sunday, 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

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 - Havant 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 in Our Year's Mind:*** 26th Lily Hales, 30th Kenneth Brown
... ***those who have recently died:*** Jacqueline Davison

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.

Book information received

From John Blythe Smart (author and researcher: "Isle of Wight Historic Sites Vol. II Churches" 258 pp £16.99 was researched over several years and has 12 geographical sections with photos of every church and some vicarages etc. It details all the historic Anglican churches with their history, architecture, famous people in the registers, and full lists of rectors and vicars. There are also 3 Appendices of churches (1284), bells and organs, and famous church architects. The book also covers the Catholic and Nonconformist edifice. There is a companion "Isle of Wight Historic Sites Vol. I Buildings" 334 pp £17.99. Both are available in Waterstones or other island bookshops.

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. The next group meets in the Coffee Lounge on **Thursday 30th 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.

All donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 12th February** 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.

Dates for your Diary

This week

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) 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 2nd Feb	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)
Tue 4th	12.30 Funeral: Eileen Emmerson (St Mark's)
Wed 5th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's) 2pm Friendship Guild (St James' Church Hall)
Thu 6th	11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's) 6pm 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