



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.

2nd February 2025

Café Communion

Our next Café 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.

The Green Kingdom:

God, Church and Environmental Stewardship

A morning with environmentalist and theologian, social activist and author, Ruth Valerio will be held on **Saturday 15th February** from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Newport Methodist Church.

Ruth writes "I have a particular interest in climate and environmental issues and long to see the culture of the Church change so that caring for the earth becomes an integral part of church life, rather than an optional extra". Entry is free (donations encouraged) and refreshments will be provided. Please book your place by emailing creationmattersx@gmail.com

Prayer

All generous God,
you poured yourself out in creation,
were totally spent in Christ's death on the cross,
and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas) Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
Wednesday, 5th February 11.15am at St Mark's

Hebrews 12.4-7, 11-15

Sunday, 9th February Fourth Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Mark 6.53-end



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 - Parish Support and Strategic
Development

...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:*** 2nd Don Rhodes, 6th Derrick Feek,
7th Walter (Roger) Webb

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.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of each one of us.

If you have concerns about a child or an adult who may be vulnerable
or at risk please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Steve Beynon on 07894353584 or by email at

safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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.

Bible Study Group

Our Bible Study Group meets at St Mark's most Thursdays, and you are most welcome to join in the next session which will take place on **Thursday 6th February**. 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. All are welcome.

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.

Stay&Play

Our next Stay&Play will be on **Thursday 13th February** starting at 9.15am. All children aged 8 years and under are very 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, and free tea/coffee for adults!

Elephant Club

This social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends will take place on **Thursday 13th February** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is cake is invited to attend. We would love to see you!

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 16th February**. Come along to St Mark's as our service finishes at 10.30am to find out more! All are welcome.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 2nd	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)
Fri 7th	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

Later

Sun 9th	9.30am Holy Communion and Explorers (St Mark's) 9.30am Morning Worship (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tue 11th	7pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 12th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 13th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Bible Study Group (Hosted locally)

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

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Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison may be contacted on 882330 or by email at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk