



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.*

16th March 2025

## Lent 2025

Lent began on March 5th, and the theme of this year's Church of England Lent campaign is *Living Hope*. In our parish **all plate donations received at all of our services during Lent** will be split equally between the IoW charity 'Ability Dogs for Young People' and the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

### Ability Dogs 4 Young People

This charity started in 2012 to enhance the independence of disabled young people and children on the island. It takes 2 years, a lot of dedication and money to train a puppy. They are all island trained for island people, and more information can be found at [www.abilitydogs4yp.org.uk/index.html](http://www.abilitydogs4yp.org.uk/index.html)

### Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025

The recipients of the Bishop's Lent Appeal are:  
Tearfund: read more about their work at [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)  
USPG: read more about them at [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)  
Vista: find out more at [www.harbourchurchuk.org/vista/](http://www.harbourchurchuk.org/vista/)  
Go to [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal/](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal/) for more details.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, please listen to all those who are praying to you now. Those who are sad and crying, those who have lost friends and family, those who are alone and frightened. Help them to remember that you are there and you are listening. In Jesus' name, we pray. *Amen.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Second Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.12—4.1; Luke 13.31-end  
Wednesday, 19th March 9.30am at St Edmund's

2 Samuel 7.4-16

**Sunday, 23rd March** Third Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9



## **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 - IoW 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:* Chris B, Suzie Willcox,  
Arthur Edwards, and all on our Luke 11 Line

...*those who are in Our Year's Mind:* 17<sup>th</sup> Paul Wratten

*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.*

## **Celebration of Life Invitation**

Following the death of Ruth Boulton and her subsequent burial on the mainland, her sister is arranging a 'Celebration of Ruth's Life' which is to be held in Shanklin on **Saturday 5th April**.

Ruth was well known in the parish, and a good friend of Mary Pinfold. Those who knew her are invited to drop-in between 11.30am and 4pm on that day and to bring memories to share!

The venue will be the Conservative Club, Shanklin, and her sister asks that if you wish to join to please contact her on 07432 849749 before **Monday 24th March**.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

David McCulloch will give another interesting talk after Morning Worship on **Sunday 16th March**. 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 most welcome to join in the next sessions which will take place in the Coffee Lounge at 11am on **Thursday 20th March**.

### **The Bridge**

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 28th March**. Please come along and join us – many hands make light work!

### **Mothering Sunday Service**

This will take place at **10am on Sunday 30th March** at St Mark's.

It will be a family service which will include a short act of Communion. Everyone welcome to join us, but please note the later start time, and remember to put your clocks forward an hour first!

### **Easter Services this April**

Sun 13th : 9.30am Service of Palms/Holy Communion (St Mark's)

Mon 14th : 7pm Short Reflection (St Mildred's)

Tue 15th : 7pm Short Reflection (St Mildred's)

Wed 16th : 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)

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Thu 17th : 7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (St Edmund's)

Fri 18th : 10am Good Friday Morning Worship (St Mark's)

Fri 18th : 11am Walk of Witness (Near Waitrose, East Cowes)

Fri 18th : 2pm Reflections from the Cross (St Mildred's)

Sun 20th : 10am Easter Sunday Service (St Mark's)

*Please join us if you are able to do so.*



## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 16th	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)
Tues 18th	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 19th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
	2-3pm Lent Bible Study Group (St James' Church Hall)
	7pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
Thu 20th	11am Bible Study Group (St Mark's)
	12-12.30pm Prayer for the Plurality Group (The Rectory)
	6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 21st	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

### Later

Sun 23rd	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 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
	2-3pm Lent Bible Study Group (St James' Church Hall)
Thu 27th	11am Bible Study Group (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](http://www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)



**Parish of St Edmund's and St Mark's Wootton Bridge**

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**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](mailto:safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

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