



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.

6th April 2025

Easter Services



- Sun 13th : 9.30am Service of Palms and Holy Communion (St Mark's)
Mon 14th : 7pm Compline (St Mildred's)
Tue 15th : 7pm Compline (St Mildred's)
Wed 16th : 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Wed 16th : 7pm Compline (St Mildred's)
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 (**from Albert Cottage**)
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.

Lent 2025

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. More information can be found on both at www.abilitydogs4yp.org.uk/index.html and at www.portsmouth.anglican.org/lentappeal/

Prayer

Lord Jesus, grant us such strength and protection to support us in all danger and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43.16-12; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Wednesday, 9th April 9.30am at St Edmund's

Daniel 3.14-20,24-25

Sunday, 13th April Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19.28-40 *Liturgy of the Passion:* Isaiah

50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14—23.56



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 - Mission and Education staff

...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:* 10th Jack Talbot, 12th Janet Bond

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.

Diocese refers Isle of Wight Council over school closures

Portsmouth diocese has referred the Isle of Wight Council to an independent adjudicator over the process it followed when deciding which of its schools might close. Lawyers have written to the council's legal team to confirm this action. The fact that its Cabinet voted to close only two of the five threatened schools last week does not change the diocese's view that the process before that decision was flawed.

Full details can be found at www.portsmouth.anglican.org/IWschools/

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 9th April** 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 free Stay&Play will be on **Thursday 10th April** starting at 9.15am. Children aged 8 years and under are invited with an adult! We have a range of play and craft activities. There is no charge. Free toast and a snack available to all, and free tea/coffee for adults!

Bible Study/Discussion Group

After some thought (and discussion!) our Bible Study Group has been re-named 'Discussion Group'. It continues to meet at St Mark's most Thursdays, and you are welcome to join in on **Thursday 10th April**.

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 10th April** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. We would love to see you!

Good Friday Service

On **Friday 18th April** at 10am we shall be holding a family service at St Mark's with activities for children. It will also include short periods of reflection, and all ages are invited to worship with us.

Living Faith: Old Testament

Living Faith is a learning module for those who wish to expand their understanding and experience of the Christian faith. It starts on **Friday 25th April** at 7.30pm online, and sets out to enable you to gain an overview of the Old Testament story, to explore some of the different kinds of writing contained in the Old Testament and to grapple with how to interpret texts from a far off time and a distant culture. Please email r.fox330@btinternet.com to book.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 6th	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)
Wed 9th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 10th	9.15am Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St. James')

Later

Sun 13th	9.30am Service of Palms/Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Mon 14th	7pm Compline (St Mildred's)
Tue 15th	7pm Compline (St Mildred's)
Wed 16th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 7pm Compline (St Mildred'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