



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.*

1st March 2026

## Lent Appeal

In our parish all donations made during Lent will again this year be divided equally between a local charity chosen by the PCC (the Isle of Wight Youth Trust) and the Bishops Lent Appeal (which is supporting global mission agency USPG, development charity Tearfund, and Portsmouth charity Vista).

To donate place your gift into an envelope marked 'Lent Appeal' at any of our services. Alternatively, all receipts on the card reader at St Edmund's made during Lent will go to the IoW Youth Trust.

## 'Coat of Hopes' on the IoW

A special coat carrying people's hopes about our planet has been walked more than 2,000 miles around the mainland, and is now here until 16th March. It was originally worn on a pilgrimage to the 2021 COP26 conference and 700 patches articulating people's environmental aspirations have been sewn onto it.

There is an opportunity to meet, wear, and stitch into the coat at St James' Church on **Thursday 5th March** (9am-5pm) and **Friday 6th** (9am-1pm)! Info at: [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2026/02/03/special-coat-visits-cathedral-and-island](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2026/02/03/special-coat-visits-cathedral-and-island)

## 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** Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

Wednesday, 4th March 11.15am at St Mark's

Jeremiah 18.18-20

Sunday, 8th March Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**



...Archbishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Jonathan, Asst. Bishop Rob, Area Dean Chris, Associate Area Dean Vicky

...God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, and those who staff our children's ministry

...from the Diocesan cycle of prayers: Locks Heath

...our Christian brothers and sisters in North Korea and the Middle East

...the children of our church and parish

...the Island School, Street, and Prayer Pastors

... *those who are sick or in any kind of need:* Margaret F, Ash and Tia, Doreen, Rosemary McC, Rev'd Bob, Lorna, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line

... *those who are in Our Year's Mind:* 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Sheppard, 6<sup>th</sup> Tom Rose

*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.*

**Calling all Jigsaw Puzzle Fans!**

St James' Church are looking for people to be part of their team making up jigsaws for their Jigsaw Puzzle Festival in August! They will supply the jigsaws and boards, and will deliver and collect. For more information please call 07779 018693.

**Palm Sunday Service**

Our next Plurality Holy Communion service will be taking place at **St Mildred's church** on Palm Sunday, **29th March**, at **11.15am** with Area Dean Rev'd Chris. As usual, this will be the only service taking place in the plurality that morning.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### How to survive a world in Crisis

An evening with Ruth Valerio (environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author) on **Monday 2nd March** from 7-9pm at Carisbrooke Priory. Free entry with donations encouraged.

Enquiries and bookings to [creationmattersx@gmail.com](mailto:creationmattersx@gmail.com)

### Weekly Prayer Meetings During Lent

Weekly Prayer Meetings are taking place in the Coffee Lounge from 9.30am every Tuesday. The next will be on **Tuesday 3rd March**. During this time we shall pray for our church, plurality, leaders, our new minister, community and Island. All are welcome to come and pray together either aloud or silently in support of the spoken prayers which will last about 30 minutes. Coffee will be served afterwards.

### Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 4th March**. Please book if you would like lunch either by leaving a message on the parish ansaphone 301880 or by email to [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com). .

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 5th March**. Do come along!

### MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 11th March**, 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge.

### Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 12th March** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. Each month's programme is different, so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.  
We would love to see you!

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 1st Mar	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)
Tues 3rd	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting: Lent (St Mark's)
Wed 4th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 5th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

### Later

Sun 8th	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)
Tues 10th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting: Lent (St Mark's)
Wed 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 12th	10am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 15th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's)

*We look forward to seeing you at any of our services or events!*

## **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

**Churchwardens:** Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon

**Enquiries/notifications:** These may be made directly to one of our Churchwardens or to the Parish Administrator who is contactable either via the parish website or by email to [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com) (Emails are checked regularly, but not daily). Thank you.

**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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