



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.*

8th March 2026

## **New Archdeacon Appointed**

Bishop Jonathan has announced the appointment of the Ven Barry Dugmore as the Island's new Archdeacon. He will be licensed during Evensong in Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday 31st May.

## **Revision of our Electoral Roll**

If you would like to be either added to our church Electoral Roll, or be removed from it, please let David McCulloch know **by Easter Sunday**. Joining the Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. You can, of course, be a full and active member of our Church without joining the Roll. Being on it does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength. It is also an important way of confirming your commitment to our Church community and the vision of the church.

## **Calling all Jigsaw Puzzle Fans!**

Can you help St James' by making up jigsaws for their Puzzle Festival in August? They will deliver and collect the jigsaws and boards. For more information please call 07779 018693.

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, In this season of Lent, we ask for your wisdom to guide us. Show us where you are leading and give us the courage to follow, even when the way is uncertain.

Let this time of reflection draw us closer to your will, and thank you for walking with us every step of the way. **Amen.**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Third Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday, 11th March 9.30am at St Edmund's

Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9

Sunday, 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41



**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: Bridgemaury, and Elson

...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 have recently died: John Froud

*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.*

**Isle of Wight Foodbank reminder**

Collection boxes are still available in both Churches for our donations.

**Webinar: Single Ever After: The Significance of Singleness**

Singleness can often viewed as a 'plan B' by our culture and the church, but what if that view was reframed, with help from the 'Bible'? Join the Single Friendly Church Network and Rev Dr Dani Treweek from 8 to 9pm on **Tuesday 17th March**. Dani will share a 'vibrant, empowering vision of singleness, and challenge some 'misconceptions surrounding singleness, marriage and meaning. More at

[www.tickettailor.com/events/singlefriendlychurch/2017800](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/singlefriendlychurch/2017800)

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### 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. It will next take place on **Thursday 12th March** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Each month's programme is different.

### Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 15th March** is Mothering Sunday, so there will be crafts and activities for children and flowers for the ladies present at our family-friendly 9.30am Morning Worship service. All welcome!

### Coffee Morning

All are welcome to attend a Coffee Morning taking place at St James' Church Hall from 10am on **Tuesday 17th March**.

### Holy Week Services

#### Sunday 29th March

11.15am Palm Sunday Plurality Holy Communion (St Mildred's)

#### Tuesday 31st March

7pm Stations of the Cross Plurality Service (St Mark's)

#### Wednesday 1st April

11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)

#### Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

7pm Plurality Holy Communion (St James')

#### Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

10am Interactive Family Service (St Mark's)

*Reflecting on the events of Holy Week and Good Friday*

11am Walk of Witness (starting opposite Albert Cottage)

*Walking to Waitrose Square for a short service*

2pm Reflective service at St Mildred's

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

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 Plurality meeting (St James') No Choir Practice (St Mark's)

### Later

Sun 15th	9.30am Mothering Sunday Morning Worship followed by PCC Meeting (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 17th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting: Lent (St Mark's) 10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 18th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 19th	10.30am Discussion Group (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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