



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.*

15th March 2026

## Mothering Sunday

Today, **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 will be made very welcome!

## Easter Fayre

An Easter Fayre is taking place at East Cowes Methodist Church on **Saturday 21st March** at 9.30am. A soup and pudding lunch will be served at 12noon, costing £6 per person. All welcome.

## 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.

## Prayer

Father God, during Lent help us to strip away anything in us that keeps us from fully surrendering to you. Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our minds so that we may grow in faith, love, and obedience. Open our hearts to your word and help us to quiet the noise of the world so we can hear your voice more clearly. *Amen.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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

Wednesday, 18th March 9.30am at St Edmund's

Isaiah 49.8-15

Sunday, 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45



**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: Greatham, Empshott, and  
Hawkley with Priors Dean

...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: 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.*

**Memorial Service for John Terry**

Advance notice that a memorial service will be taking place on  
**Monday 6th July**, at 2pm, at St Edmund's Church. All welcome.

**Lent Appeal**

All donations will be divided equally between local charity the IoW  
Youth Trust and the Bishops Lent Appeal (in aid of USPG,  
Tearfund, and Vista). To donate, place your gift in an envelope marked  
'Lent Appeal' at any of our services. Also, all receipts on the card  
reader at St Edmund's during Lent will go to the IoW Youth Trust.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Coffee Morning

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

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 19th and 26th March**. Do come along!

### Teddy Club

Teddy Club takes place at St James' Church Hall each week. It meets on **Thursday 19th and 26th March** at 9.30am.

### The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 27th March**.

## Holy Week and Easter Sunday 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

### Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

10am Holy Communion (St Mark's)

9.30am Holy Communion (St James')

11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

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) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

### Later

Sun 22nd	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 24th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting: Lent (St Mark's)
Wed 25th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 26th	9am Wootton Primary School visit (St Mark's) 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 27th	2pm Bridge Folding (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)

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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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