



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.*

22nd March 2026

## **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.

## **Good Friday Service**

We meet at 10am on **Good Friday, 3rd April** for an interactive Holy Communion service at St Mark's to reflect on the events of Holy Week and Good Friday. There will be activities and Hot Cross buns available, so please join us!

## **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.

## **Prayer**

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Wednesday, 25th March 9.30am at St Edmund's

Isaiah 7.10-14

Sunday, 29th March Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms—Matthew 21.1-11

The Passion—Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philipians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14—27.66

## **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: Isle of Wight Deanery Officers

...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: 27<sup>th</sup> Edmund William Please,  
28<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Thrippleton

*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.*

## **Service changes**

Please be aware that some changes have been made to our normal timetabling in April. The first Sunday being Easter Sunday we will be holding a Holy Communion service at 10am at St Mark's, and our Brunch service will instead be held on the following Sunday. Due to a lack of available clergy there will be no 8am service on Easter Sunday.

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

If you can you help St James' Church by making up jigsaws for their Jigsaw Puzzle Festival in August please call 07779 018693.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Discussion Group

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

### Teddy Club

Teddy Club takes place at St James' Church Hall each week. It meets on **Thursday 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**.

### Café Communion

Please email [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com) if you would like lunch at our 11.15am Café Communion on **Wednesday 1st April**

## 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 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)

### Later

Sun 29th	11.15am Palm Sunday Plurality Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tues 31st	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting: Lent (St Mark's) 7pm Plurality Stations of the Cross Service (St Mark's)
Wed 1st	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 2nd	7pm Maundy Thursday Plurality Holy Communion (St James')
	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
Fri 3rd	10am Good Friday Interactive Family Service

*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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