

St Edmund's
& St Mark's



Wootton Bridge

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.

5th April 2026

Happy Easter!

Please join us today, **Sunday 8th April** for our Easter Sunday service.

A once in eight years opportunity for the congregations of both churches to come together at **10am** in St Mark's to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Island Confirmation Course

A one-day Confirmation Course will be held at Carisbrooke Priory on **Saturday 4th July** from 9am-3pm, with lunch included. If interested please email karen.silvester@portsmouth.anglican.org and officeparishiw@gmail.com as soon as possible.

The Confirmation service will then be taking place on **Saturday 12th September** at Newport Minster.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this joyous Easter day we give thanks and praise for the incredible gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate His resurrection, we are reminded of the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death.

Amen

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Easter Day
Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18
Wednesday, 8th April 9.30am at St Edmund's
Acts 3.1-10
Sunday, 12th April Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2.14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31



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: The Diocese of Portsmouth
- ...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: 5th Toni Bennett, 10th Jack Talbot

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.

Summer Time!

British Summer Time heralds a change of start time to **6.30pm** for Evensong services with effect from **Sunday 12th April**.

Support for ageing relatives

Carents.co.uk is a free 'one stop shop' for anyone supporting an ageing relative. It has a host of practical guides covering all aspects of 'elder care' such as health, finances, legal matters and Dementia. It also offers emotional support and a community of others in the same situation. To find out more go to <https://carents.co.uk/>

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 8th April**, 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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 9th April**. Do come along!

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 9th April** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. We would love to see you!

April's Brunch Service

Our Brunch service has been displaced this month, but please come along to St Mark's at 9.30am on **Sunday 12th April**.

Living Faith: Module 2, New Testament

This module starts on **Friday 17th April** (7.30pm, online) and asks some deep questions about the New Testament. Why was it written? How are we supposed to read it today? Is it all true? How do we distil theological principles from a text written over 2000 years ago, separating out what's timeless from what's culturally specific? The answers to these types of question can change our faith outlook. Go to www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2026/04/17/living-faith-new-testament/ for details and to register.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM will be taking place at St Mark's on **Sunday 19th April**, following the 9.30am service of Morning Worship.

St Mark's Patronal Festival

We shall be celebrating St Mark's Patronal Festival with a Family Holy Communion Service on **Sunday 26th April** at 9.30am.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 5th	5.45am 'Son-Rise' Service (Appley Beach) No 8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (St James') 10am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (St Mark's) 11.15am Easter Sunday Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 8th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group (St Mark's)
Thu 9th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 12th	9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 15th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 16th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (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



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 (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

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Helen Davison may be contacted on 882330 or by email at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk