



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.*

10th August 2025



We are very grateful to those who regularly donate to our parish. If you are not doing so already, though, would you consider making a payment of £5 or more each month. Thank you!

## **IoW Net Zero Carbon (NZC) conference 'Towards an Eco Island'**

An inspiring and practical mini-conference to help a NZC and Eco Church journey, with contributions from St Helens and other Island churches, Christ the King students, and the diocesan net zero teams. This takes place on **Saturday 18th October** from 10am-2pm at Newport Minster. The cost is £5 per person. Go to [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/10/18/iow-nzc-conference-2025/](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/10/18/iow-nzc-conference-2025/) for more details and to book.

## **Prayer**

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will  
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40  
Wednesday, 13th August 9.30am at St Edmund's

Deuteronomy ch.34

Sunday, 17th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29—12.2; Luke 12.49-56



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...



...Bishop Jonathan, Asst.Bishop Rob, Area Dean Chris,  
Associate Area Deans James, Tom and Vicky

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

...from the Diocesan cycle of prayers: Portsmouth Cathedral

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

...the children of our church and parish, and the Island School and  
Street Pastors

... ***those who are in Our Year's Mind:*** 11<sup>th</sup> Isobel Rayner, 14<sup>th</sup> Peter  
Bailey, 15<sup>th</sup> Mike Sheppard, 16<sup>th</sup> Mary Wright

... ***those who are sick or in any kind of need:*** Jo, Chris B, Arthur  
Edwards, and all on our Luke 11 Line

*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.*

## Living Faith: Ethics

Module 6 of the online Living Faith course, Ethics, starts on  
**Friday 12th September** at 7.30pm The moral and ethical issues that  
have been experienced by humanity are many and diverse. In this  
module we shall be thinking about the way we make choices and  
particularly how our decision making is affected by our Christian faith.

Go to [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/09/12/living-faith-ethics/](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/09/12/living-faith-ethics/) for details and to book.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### St Mildred's Cream Teas

Cream Teas (and entertainment) will be served from 3-5pm at St Mildred's church on **10th August**.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

The extremely popular annual Jigsaw Puzzle Festival will be taking place at St James' church from **11th-16th August** daily. Opening times are from 10am-4pm each day, plus from 6.30-8.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be hundreds of puzzles on display and available to buy. Refreshments available.

Adults £1 entry with children free.

### MBBGC

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 13th August**, at 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.

### Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 14th August** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend—you will be made very welcome.

Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

### VJ Day Anniversary Service

St George's Church Arreton is holding a service to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on **Friday 15th August** at 2pm.

All are invited to attend.

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's on **Thursday 21st August**. Do come along!

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 3pm-5pm Cream Teas & entertainment (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Mon 11th–Sat 16th	Jigsaw Puzzle Festival (St James')
Wed 13th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 14th	<b>No</b> Stay&Play (St Mark's) 11am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) <b>No</b> Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 15th	No Holy Communion (St. James' Hall) 2pm VJ Day Anniversary service (St George's Arreton)

### Later

Sun 17th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 20th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 21st	11am Discussion Group (St Mark's)

*We look forward to seeing you! We ask that you do not attend church if you either have symptoms of covid, or test positive for it. Thank you.*

## **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**

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(Emails and messages are checked regularly, but not daily).

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**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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