



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.

24th August 2025

🚲 RIDE + STRIDES

This annual event in aid of Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust takes place on **Saturday 13th September**. Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying cities, towns, and the countryside. Churches across our diocese will be open that day to welcome walking and cycling visitors with refreshments and space to explore the building.

If you wish to visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with the family this is a good opportunity to do so! We shall not be opening the doors of St Edmund's to participants this year as a wedding is taking place during the day. However, full details of participating churches in Hampshire and the on the Island can be found at www.hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/

Prayer

Lord God, we come to you as the source of all hope, asking that you send your Spirit to bring about a future where neighbours embrace despite their differences, where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride, and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength.

May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon, so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS St Bartholomew the Apostle
Isaiah 43.8-13; 1 Corinthians 4.9-15; Luke 22.24-30
Wednesday, 27th August 9.30am at St Edmund's



1 Thessalonians 2.9-13

Sunday, 31st August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Either Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 or Proverbs 25.6-7;
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14

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: Parish Support and Strategic
Development

...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*: 20th Peggy Spencer and
Frank Frost, 21st Trevor Walker, 22nd Stan Rapley

... *those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Rev'd Bob, Neil, 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.
www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/09/12/living-faith-ethics/

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's on **Thursday 28th August**. Do come along!

The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 29th August**. More help is always appreciated with folding and delivering *The Bridge*. Alternatively would you be interested in writing an article for it?

Service Information

Our next Plurality Holy Communion service will be taking place at St James' church on **Sunday 31st August** at 9.30am. This is the only service taking place that morning. Please lift share where possible.

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

All donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 10th September**, at 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge.

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 11th September**. from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

St Mildred's Cream Teas

Cream Teas (and entertainment) will be served for the last time this summer from 3-5pm at St Mildred's church on **14th September**.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 24th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 27th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 28th	11am Discussion Group (St Mark's) No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 29th	No Holy Communion (St. James' Hall) 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 31st	9.30am Plurality Holy Communion (St James')
Wed 3rd Sept	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 4th	11am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 5th	9.30am Holy Communion- <i>to be confirmed</i> (St James' Hall)
Sun 7th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion- <i>to be confirmed</i> (St James')
	11.15am Holy Communion- <i>to be confirmed</i> (St Mildred's)
Wed 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund'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)

Visit our website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk



Parish of St Edmund's and St Mark's Wootton Bridge

Parish Priest: Rev'd Sandra Matthews - contactable by email at stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com or by leaving a message on 301880.
(Emails and messages are checked regularly, but not daily).

Churchwardens: Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon

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