



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.

31st 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 live in disturbing days. Across the world prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat.

Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer,
be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,
and a light in the darkness; help us to receive your gift of peace,
and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS 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

Wednesday, 3rd September 11.15am at St Mark's

Colossians 1.1-8

Sunday, 7th September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30.15-end; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-43



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: IoW Deanery Officers

...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 have recently died*: Davina Janice Hudson

... *those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 2nd Colin Tibbles, 5th Ann
Willoughby, 6th Rev'd George Rayner

... *those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Lorna, 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:

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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's on **Thursday 4th September**. Do come along!

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**.

The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 26th September**. Please come along and join us!

Dates for your Diary

This week

Wed 3rd	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 (St James' Hall)

Later

Sun 7th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 11th	11am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 12th	9.30am Holy Communion (St James' Hall)
Sat 13th	2pm Wedding (St Edmund's)
Sun 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) followed by PCC Meeting (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred'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