



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.*

7th September 2025

## The Season of Creation

Creationtide falls from 1st September to 4th October, and you're invited to wear green to church on the Sundays during this period. We shall kick off the season at our Brunch service on Sunday.

## An urgent appeal for humanitarian aid for the Middle East



Christian Aid are aiming to provide life-saving supplies for civilians caught up in the conflict in Gaza, the West Bank and elsewhere. More details can be found at [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal)

## RIDE+STRIDE

This takes place on **Saturday 13th September** and Erica Hall has registered to take part in aid of Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust. She is planning to cycle from St. Edmund's to five other Churches (Quarr Abbey, Binstead, some of the Ryde Churches and then to St. Peter's Seaview) on her electric bike. She would appreciate our prayerful and financial support. Donations received will be divided equally between St Edmund's and the HIWCT who have financially supported us in the past. *Thank you!*

## Prayer

God of love, turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace. *Amen*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
Deuteronomy 30.15-end; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-43  
Wednesday, 3rd September 9.30am at St Edmund's  
Colossians 3.1-11

Sunday, 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10



## 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: Lay and Ordained Ministry

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

...Libby and Alex who are to be married on Saturday, the children of  
our church and parish, and the Island School and Street Pastors

... *those who have recently died*: Chris Buckett

... *those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 7<sup>th</sup> Florence Please

... *those who are sick or in any kind of need*: Angie, Rev'd Bob,  
Lorna, Neil, Barbara and 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.*

## Island School, Street, and Prayer Pastors

Our Street and School Pastors do an amazing job on the Island. Prayer Pastors also play an important part, as they support every patrol and mentoring session. Would you be interested in joining them?

Check out their website <http://iowstreetpastors.org.uk/>  
or Facebook pages: [www.facebook.com/iowstreetpastors](http://www.facebook.com/iowstreetpastors)  
and [www.facebook.com/iowschoolpastors](http://www.facebook.com/iowschoolpastors) for more  
information about the work they do.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### 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.

### 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 how our decision making is affected by our Christian faith.  
[www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/09/12/living-faith-ethics/](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/09/12/living-faith-ethics/)

### 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**.

### Coffee Morning

All are welcome to a Coffee Morning taking place at St James' Church Hall on **Tuesday 16th September**.

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 18th September**. 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 26th September**. This is a social gathering too, so please come along and join us!

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

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	10am 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)

### Later

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) 3pm-5pm Cream Teas & entertainment (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tue 16th	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Hall)
Wed 17th	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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

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