



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.

28th September 2025

Creationtide



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.

Church Choir

We are starting to prepare for Christmas, so if you would like to join the choir please come along to our weekly rehearsals at St Mark's Church on Thursdays from 6.30-7.15pm.

Diocesan Information

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the weekly eBulletin (sent out every Friday), want to find out the latest Diocesan news and upcoming events, or would like to read the Diocesan quarterly magazine '@CofE Portsmouth' please visit www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news-and-events/

Prayer for Creationtide

God of our salvation,
be with us when we call upon you,
and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness.
Restore in us the beauty of your creation and keep intact
the gifts you have restored, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6.1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-end

Wednesday, 1st October 11.15am at St Mark's

Nehemiah 2.1-8

Sunday, 5th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4a, 4-7; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



...Bishop Jonathan, Asst.Bishop Rob, Area Dean Chris,
Associate Area Deans James 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: Mission and Education

...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:*** Angie, Rev'd Bob,
Lorna, Neil, Barbara and Arthur Edwards, and all on our Luke 11 Line

... ***those who are in Our Year's Mind:*** 28th Ros Malyon, 29th Ivy Stay,
30th Richard Marlow, 2nd Jacynthe Hulacka, 3rd Ianville Hammerton

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.

Get ready...get set...go yellow!

On **Friday 10th October**, Mountbatten Isle of Wight invites you to *Go Yellow* and help raise awareness and funds. They will be celebrating everything yellow and need your help to make it a day to remember!

Whether it's what you wear, eat, or do, make yellow your signature colour and join them in raising vital funds for 24/7 expert end-of-life care. Your support helps deliver compassionate care in homes across the Island, on the inpatient unit, and in the John Cheverton Centre community space. For ideas and yellow-themed inspiration please

go to www.mountbatten.org.uk/goyellow2025

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 1st October**. Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com. Thank you.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 2nd October**. Do come along!

Homelessness Sunday

Run by Housing Justice, this takes place on **Sunday 5th October** with the theme '*Love thy neighbour*'. Information can be found at <https://housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/homelessness-sunday>

IoW Street, School, and Prayer Pastors AGM

You are invited to this AGM at 7pm on **Tuesday 7th October** at Newport Methodist church, Quay Street, PO30 5BA. A Microsoft Teams meeting link is available to make the AGM more accessible. Email Ella@iowstreetpastors.org.uk to book or to obtain the link.

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 8th October**, 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge.

Elephant Club

A social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place at 2pm on **Thursday 9th October**.

Noel Robinson 'Change the Atmosphere' Tour

Christ Church in Sandown are hosting a special concert at the Bay School starring Noel Robinson on **Saturday 11th October**, at 6.30pm (doors open at 5.30pm). Adults £15 and under 18s £10. Tickets are available by emailing: tickets@christchurchsandown.org.uk

Service Information

Advance notice that we shall be celebrating Harvest at St Mark's on **Sunday 12th October** during the 9.30am Holy Communion service.

Dates for your Diary

This week

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| Sun 28th | 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 1st Oct | 11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's) |
| Thu 2nd | 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Fri 3rd | 9.30am Holy Communion (St James' Hall) |

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| Sun 5th | 8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Harvest Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Harvest Holy Communion (St Mildred's) |
| Tue 7th | 10am Burial of Ashes (St Edmund's) |
| Wed 8th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's) |
| Thu 9th | 10am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Fri 10th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St James' Hall) |

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