



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.

2nd November 2025

Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

Our annual Commemoration for the Faithful Departed will take place today **Sunday 2nd November**, 5pm at St Edmund's Church. All will be made very welcome.

Services of Remembrance

Please be aware that on **Sunday 9th November** our service of Holy Communion and Explorers at St Mark's will commence at **10am**, and will include an act of Remembrance at **11am**.

Then, in the afternoon a Remembrance Service will be held at St Edmund's **War Memorial at 3pm**.

Synod to consider budget for 2026

The next meeting of our Diocesan Synod on **8th November** will have a chance to consider our diocesan budget for 2026. You can find the full budget paper, information about how diocesan finances work, and a video recorded by Bishop Jonathan here:
www.portsmouth.anglican.org/diocesan-finance

Prayer

God of the ages, you are the beginning of our journey
and our strength as we pause along the way.
Hold us by the hand as we grow, show us where to seek you,
and guide our steps that we may find you.
Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,
and your peace when we reach our journey's end **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday before Advent
Isaiah 1.10-18; 2 Thessalonians ch.1; Luke 19.1-10
Wednesday, 5th November 11.15am at St Mark's
Romans 13.8-10



Sunday, 9th November Third Sunday before Advent
Job 19.23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end; Luke 20.27-38

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: Southsea St Jude

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

... *those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 4th John Dixon, 6th, Horace Hill,
7th Tina Barnley

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.

Almshouse accommodation

Almshouse over 60's accommodation for a Christian woman is offered by the Augusta Wilder Almshouse Charity. It will be available in Ryde from November 2025. Further information and an application form is available from Liz Mulhern by email at Liz@ryde.church

The Friends of St Edmund's Church Building Trust

If you have recently received a reminder about your membership please renew it by the end of October. We would like to streamline the system, as it will really help if all renewals are made at the same time. Thank you.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 5th November**. Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service and all donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 6th November**. Do come along!

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 12th November**, 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 13th November**, 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.
We would love to see you!

Safeguarding Sunday

On **Sunday 16th November** our 9.30am Morning Worship service at St Mark's will incorporate Safeguarding Sunday. This year's theme is 'Action Speaks Louder' and invites us to move beyond talking about safeguarding to find effective ways to make real change.

Service Information

Our next Plurality Holy Communion service will be taking place at St Mark's church on **Sunday 30th November** at 9.30am.
This is the only service taking place that morning.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 2nd	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Service for the Faithful Departed (St Edmund's)
Wed 5th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
Thu 6th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 9th	10am Remembrance Holy Communion (St Mark's) 10.50am Remembrance Service (St James') 10.50am Remembrance Service (St Mildred's) 3pm Memorial Remembrance (St Edmund's)
Wed 12th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 13th	10am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 16th	9.30am Morning Worship incorporating Safeguarding Sunday (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)

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