



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.

5th October 2025

Harvest Service Information

Please be aware that we shall be celebrating Harvest on **Sunday 12th October**. As in recent years your donations of tinned or packaged food would be appreciated at our 9.30am Holy Communion service at St Mark's. (Please do check the sell-by dates first!) Alternatively, you are welcome to leave them to be collected from St Edmund's. All the food will then be passed to the IoW Foodbank along with any monetary donations received. *Thank you!*

Homelessness Sunday

Homelessness Sunday, run by Housing Justice, takes place on **Sunday 5th October** with the theme "*Love thy neighbour.*" It offers the opportunity to reflect on the rising issue of rough sleeping – latest figures show over 4,300 people slept rough in London between April and June, and more than 3,400 across England on a single night in March. Find out more at: <https://housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/homelessness-sunday>

Prayer

God of compassion,
hear our prayers for those who are affected by natural disasters:
strengthen them in their hour of need,
and grant them courage to face the future,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4a, 4-7; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10
Wednesday, 8th October 9.30am at St Edmund's

Jonah ch.4

Sunday, 12th October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19



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: Portsdown Archdeaconry

...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 and Arthur Edwards, and all on our Luke 11 Line

... ***those who are in Our Year's Mind:*** 5th Dickie Emmerson,
8th Gladys Penfold

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:

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**.

Trading Standards Talk

Sally Ash, Enforcement and Community Protection Officer for Trading Standards is to give a talk, primarily regarding online scams and being safe online but she will also discuss doorstep crime and phone scams. The dates and venues for this talk are:

Thursday 9th October at 10.30am, Shalfleet Village Hall

Tuesday 21st October at 10.30am, St Mary's Church, Brighstone

Thursday 23rd October at 10.30am, Christ Church, Totland Bay

Please contact Paula Woods on 07930 670547 or by email at

bbmcsparishes@gmail.com to book a place.

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

IoW Net Zero Carbon (NZC) conference

'Towards an Eco Island' is an inspiring and practical mini-conference on **Saturday 18th October** to help a NZC and Eco Church journey.

From 10am-2pm at Newport Minster. The cost is £5 per person.

Go to www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2025/10/18/iow-nzc-conference-2025/ for more details and to book.

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 12th	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion- to be confirmed (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Mon 13th	9.30am Wootton Primary School: Harvest (St Mark's)
Wed 15th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 16th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship (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