



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.

19th October 2025

The Friends of St Edmund's Church Building Trust

If you have recently received a reminder about your membership renewal, please renew your membership by the end of October.

We would like to streamline the renewal system, to make things easier for our administration.

It will really help if each year all the renewals are made at the same time and not spread throughout the year as at present.

Thank you.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

Our annual Commemoration for the Faithful Departed will take place on **Sunday 2nd November**, 5pm at St Edmund's Church.

If you would like someone to be especially remembered please either email Helen at Helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk, or add their name to the list on the noticeboard in St Edmund's church or on the table in St Mark's Church **before 30th October**.

All will be made very welcome.

Prayer

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in times of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 32.22-31; 2 Timothy 3.14—4.5; Luke 18.1-8
Wednesday, 22nd October 9.30am at St Edmund's

Romans 6.12-18

Sunday, 26th October

Either Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 or Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end,
2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18. 9-14

Or Isaiah 45.22-end; Romans 15.1-6; Luke 4.16-24



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: Warblington with Emsworth

...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 have recently died:*** Arthur Edwards

... ***those who are in Our Year's Mind:*** 25th Yvonne Throp

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.



Are you struggling to read our service sheets?

If you have a sight problem which is impacting your ability to read anything we use in our services please would you let Helen Davison know so that we can assess demand for larger print service sheets etc.

For anyone comfortable using technology please contact David Bennison for information and help with how to use a tablet in church.

Thank you!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Coffee Morning

All are welcome to a Coffee Morning taking place at St James' Church Hall from 10am on **Tuesday 21st October**.

Trading Standards Talk

Sally Ash, Trading Standards Officer, is to give a talk, primarily about being safe online but also doorstep crime and phone scams on: **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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 23rd and 30th October**. Do come along!

Service Time Change

When the clocks turn back 1 hour on the last Sunday of the month we also change the start time of our Evensong services. Therefore, on **Sunday 26th October** our service will commence at 5pm.

The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 31st October**.

At present we have a couple of rounds for which there is no deliverer.

In particular, we need help with the odd numbered side of Station Road, from (and including) Packsfield Lane to The Woodman (about 50 copies). If you, or anyone you know, would be able to help with this, please get in touch with David Bennison. Thank you.

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**.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 21st	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 23rd	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 29th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 30th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 31st	2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
Sun 2nd Nov	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)

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