

	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.	
		<i>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.</i>
26th October 2025		

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 displayed in either Church **before 30th October**. All will be made very welcome.

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.

‘Barn Church’ is launched

Barn Church is being launched in the Diocese this Autumn as part of the rejuvenate strategy. It is a family-friendly informal service, involving food, worship, prayer and discussion in a venue that is not a church building with the aim to offer an alternative style of service. Find out more at: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2025/10/06/family-friendly-barn-church-launched/

Prayer

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Wednesday, 29th October 9.30am at St Edmund's

Romans 8.26-30

Sunday, 2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent

Isaiah 1.10-18; 2 Thessalonians ch.1; Luke 19.1-10



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: Milton St James

...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:* 26th James Jones, 27th Dorothy
Smith, 27th George Lowndes, 31st Eric Faulkner, 1st Fred Stay

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.

Fireworks with Mountbatten IoW

This event returns on **Saturday 8th November** at Robin Hill Adventure Park. It promises dazzling displays, live music, delicious food, and sparkling fun for all ages! Please make sure you have sorted both your transport and your entry ticket in advance. Gates open at 2.30pm, with fireworks from 7pm. Tickets and information can be found at www.mountbatten.org.uk/fireworks2025

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 30th October**. 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 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.

Café Communion

Our next Cafe 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.

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**.

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.

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

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) 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)
Sun 9th	10am Remembrance Holy Communion (St Mark's) 10.50am Remembrance Service (St James') 10.50am Remembrance Service (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