



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.

9th November 2025

Services of Remembrance

Please be aware that today, **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, this afternoon a Remembrance Service will be held at St Edmund's **War Memorial at 3pm**.

Chaplaincy

Hospice chaplaincy: The Rev Vickie Morgan is our chaplain at Mountbatten, the island's community and hospice end-of-life and palliative care provider. She offers spiritual care as well as training for other staff in how to do so. They hold regular memorial services in their chapel, including music, readings and candles.

Prison chaplaincy: The chaplaincy team at HM Prison Isle of Wight is led by the Rev Judith Swaine. It offers regular Sunday services, pastoral care, Bible studies and help with bereavement issues. Every Sunday there is a Eucharistic service in both chapels on the Parkhurst and Albany site. Around 30 inmates attend each.

Other chaplains: There are a variety of other chaplains across our diocese. Discover more about them - and how to contact them - via www.portsmouth.anglican.org/chaplains

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



THIS WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday before Advent
Job 19.23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end; Luke 20.27-38
Wednesday, 12th November 9.30am at St Edmund's
Wisdom 6.1-11



Sunday, 16th November Second Sunday before Advent
Malachi 4.1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

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

... *those who are in Our Year's Mind*: 11th Tom King, Ian McDowall

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.

Bob's art display

Bob Smallwood has some of his artwork being displayed from
Monday 10th—Saturday 22nd November at Monkton Arts and Coffee
Shop, East Street, Ryde, PO33 1 JP. Please support him if you can!

Attendance rises for fourth year

Attendance at churches in our diocese has risen for the fourth year in a row, but remains below pre-Covid levels, statistics have shown. In 2024 there was also a rise in adult baptisms and confirmations in our diocese. Read more about these figures at: www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/attendance-church-england-churches-rises-fourth-year-row

GENERAL INFORMATION:

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will take place on **Wednesday 12th November**, 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge.

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. 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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 20th November**. 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 28th November**. Please come along and join us!

Services on Sunday 30th November

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

This is the only service taking place that morning.

Then at 5pm we are holding a Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent with Cantus Vesperi at St Edmund's. All welcome!



Seasonal Concert



Please make a note that at 7pm on **Saturday 6th December** there is to be a Seasonal Concert organised by the Friends of St Edmund's at St Mark's Church. We'd love to see you there!

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 16th	9.30am Morning Worship incorporating Safeguarding Sunday (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 19th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 20th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sat 22nd	10am Christmas Market (St James' Hall)
Sun 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) followed by PCC Meeting (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