



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.

16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

Today, **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.

St James' Church Christmas Market

You are invited to a Christmas Market which will be taking place in St James' Church Hall East Cowes from 10am on **Saturday 22nd November**.



Services during cold weather

Please be aware that at St Mark's we shall revert to using the coffee lounge for services once the cold weather arrives. Whilst the church heating takes the chill off in cool months it is not effective in cold weather, which is a waste of precious resources.

A projector (kindly donated) will be used when required.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Amen

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday before Advent

Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Wednesday, 19th November 9.30am at St Edmund's

Either 2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31 or Revelation ch.4

Sunday, 23rd November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43



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: Fareham Deanery Officers

...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 have recently died:*** Joyce Thomas

... ***those who are in Our Year's Mind:*** 17th Angela Stevenson,
20th Gerry Thompson, 21st Joyce Richards

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's artwork is being displayed at Monkton Arts/Coffee Shop, East Street, Ryde, PO33 1JP until Saturday 22nd November.

Opening times are Tue-Fri 10.30am-4pm, and Sat 11am-4pm.

Light up a Life with Mountbatten

Light up a Life in memory of someone close to your heart.

With a donation, dedicate a light on the remembrance tree and join in on **Sunday 7th December** at Mountbatten Isle of Wight, to remember together. Find out more at www.mountbatten.org.uk/2025light

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Funeral of Arthur Edwards

Arthur's funeral will be held at 12.45 on **Wednesday 19th November** at the Crematorium, followed at 2pm by a service of Thanksgiving at Holy Cross Church, then a wake at Wootton Methodist church hall.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 20th and 27th 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**.

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!

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 3rd December**. Please book if you would like lunch either by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.



Seasonal Concert



On **Saturday 6th December** there is to be a Seasonal Concert organised by the Friends of St Edmund's from 7pm—9pm at St Mark's Church. We'd love to see you there!

Carol Services

There are three opportunities for attending a Carol Service in our plurality in December to which you are invited. They are:

Sunday 7th, 4pm at St James' (E.Cowes Churches Together)

Sunday 14th, 5pm at St Mark's

Sunday 21st, 4pm at St Mildred's



Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) followed by PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
	9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
	11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
	5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 27th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
	6.30pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 28th	2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)
Sun 30th	9.30am Advent 1 Whole Plurality Service (St Mark's)
	5pm Advent Carol Service + Cantus Vesperi (St Edmund'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