



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.

7th December 2025

Carol Services

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

**Sunday 7th December, 4pm at St James' (East
Cowes Churches Together)**

Sunday 14th December, 5pm at St Mark's

Sunday 21st December, 4pm at St Mildred's



Would you like to spread a little joy?

Churches Together in East Cowes and Whippingham have organised Christmas Carols to be sung in the local retirement and care homes for many years and invite you to join in. Each session lasts 35-40 minutes. The homes and dates are as follows:

Powys House - Wednesday 10th of December at 4pm

Coburg Court - Sunday 14th December at 2.30pm

Kynance - Thursday 18th December at 10.30am

For more information contact Jill Traill pandjt@btinternet.com
or Sarah Kite sarahkite47@hotmail.com

Advent Prayer for Hope

Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust.

As we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true.

Amen

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12
Wednesday, 10th December 9.30am at St Edmund's
Isaiah 40.25-end
Sunday, 14th December Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



...The Rt Rev Dame Sarah Mullally, 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: Liss

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

The Joy of Christmas

The theme for this year's Christmas campaign by the national Church of England is ***Joy***, as we bring the joy of Christmas to our communities. Find out more at www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-and-christmas-theme-joy-christmas

Services during cold weather

We shall revert to using St Mark's coffee lounge for services once the cold weather arrives as the church heating is not effective in cold weather, which is a waste of precious resources. A projector (kindly donated) will be used when required.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Light up a Life with Mountbatten

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

MBBBG: Change of date

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will now be taking place on **Wednesday 17th December**, 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 11th December**, from 2-4pm at St Mark's. We would love to see you!

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 18th December**. Do come along!

St Mildred's Church Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Mildred's Church in Whippingham will run from 11am-3pm on **Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, and Saturday 20th December**, and also from 1pm-3pm on **Sunday 21st December**.
The café will be open and they would love to see you there!



Christingle Service



Our popular annual Christingle service will be taking place on **Wednesday 24th December**, 4pm at St Mark's Church.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Eve Services:

4pm at St Mark's Church: Christingle

7pm at St James' Church: Christmas Communion

11.30pm at St Edmund's Church: Midnight Mass



Christmas Day Services

10am at St Mildred's Church: Family Communion

10am at St Mark's Church: Family Communion

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 7th	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Lay led service (St Mildred's) 4pm E.Cowes Churches Together Carol Service (St James')
Tue 9th	10am Christmas Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 10th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's) 4pm Carol Singing (Powys House)
Thu 11th	10am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6.15pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 2.30pm Carol singing (Coburg Court) 5pm Christmas Carol Service (St Mark's)
Wed 17th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 18th	9.30am Wootton School: Christingle (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