

St Edmund's
& St Mark's



Wootton Bridge

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.



1st February 2026

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.

Sandra's Licensing Service Invitation

'The Churchwardens and the PCCs of The Meon Valley Parishes invite you to the Licensing of The Revd Sandra Matthews as Priest in Charge in the Meon Valley Parishes by the Ven. Kathryn Percival, Archdeacon of the Meon on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 6pm St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, SO32 2PA'

The Churchwardens of St Barnabas Church have advised that a lot of people will wish to attend the Licensing, so in order to manage numbers and ensure that everyone can be accommodated, (and transport arranged) please notify either Steve, Harry, or Helen D by **12th February** if you wish to attend.

More Social Events?

At the recent PCC meeting it was suggested that it would be beneficial to hold more church social events. If you would like to be involved in a group to explore the possible options, please inform either Sue, Steve or Harry. Thank you!

Prayer

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

Wednesday, 4th February 11.15am at St Mark's

2 Samuel 24.2, 9-17

Sunday, 8th February Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1—2.3; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34



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: Farlington

...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: Doreen, Rosemary McC, Rev'd Bob, Lorna, Barbara Edwards, and all on our Luke 11 Line

... those who are in Our Year's Mind: 2nd Don Rhodes, 6th Derrick Feek, 7th Walter (Roger) Webb

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.

Ability Dogs 4 Young people

We have been supporting this Island charity by collecting plastic milk bottle tops, used print cartridges and stamps in both of our Churches. They are no longer accepting plastic milk bottle tops, though, so these will be instead be passed on to a local business that recycles hard plastics. 'Patter Products' is partnered with Quarr Abbey, carving and crafting home decor from reclaimed wood and discarded plastics.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Café Communion

Our next Café Communion service at St Mark's will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 4th February**. Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service and all donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish.

Friendship Guild

The Friendship Guild meet at 2pm on **Wednesday 4th February** in St James' Church Hall.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will be meeting in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 5th February**.
Do come along!

MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 11th February**, 10.30am in the Coffee Lounge. If you know of anyone who would appreciate some male company and enjoy a coffee and brunch, please do tell them.

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 12th February** from 2-4pm at St Mark's. Anyone who would like some company and cake is invited to attend. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

We would love to see you!

Ash Wednesday Service

We shall be hosting a Plurality Holy Communion service at St Edmund's church on **Wednesday 18th February** at 9.30am. All are very welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary

This week

Sun 1st	8am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 9.30am Brunch Service (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 4th	11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's) 2pm Friendship Guild (St James' Church Hall)
Thu 5th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 8th	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 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 12th	10am Discussion Group (Hosted locally) 2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 15th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James')

We look forward to seeing you at any of our services or events!

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

Churchwardens: Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon

Enquiries/notifications: These may be made directly to one of our Churchwardens or to the Parish Administrator who is contactable either via the parish website or by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com (Emails are checked regularly, but not daily). Thank you.

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