

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.



11th January 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 Leaving Service

Today, **Sunday 11th January** we are holding a plurality Holy Communion service at St Mark's church as this will be Sandra's last service with us all.

Please join us if you can to wish her well in her future ministry, and to thank her for bringing humour, enthusiasm, doggedness and an emphasis on 'prayer, prayer, prayer' to our plurality!

We wish her Godspeed on her journey, and pray for a smooth transition into her new home and role. Sandra's licencing service will be taking place at Swanmore Parish Church on **Wednesday 25th February**, to which we will be invited.

## Mission Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS** Baptism of Christ  
Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17  
Wednesday, 14th January 9.30am at St Edmund's

1 Samuel 3.1-10,19-20

Sunday, 18th January Second Sunday of Epiphany  
Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42



## **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: Diocesan Vocations Team

...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  
11 Line

***... those in Our Year's Mind:*** 13<sup>th</sup> Cecil Jolliffe, 14<sup>th</sup> Brian Wratten,  
16<sup>th</sup> Carole Marshall, 17<sup>th</sup> Margaret Bennett and Michael Mansbridge

*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.*

## **‘Luke 11 line’**

This can be a difficult time for many. If you are in need of prayer, or if  
you would like to hold either a situation or someone else in prayer,  
please let Helen Hopper know. She will then ask those on the  
‘Luke 11 line’ to pray—keeping all requests confidential.  
Helen is contactable at [helen.hopper47@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.hopper47@btinternet.com)

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain (by email, text,  
or phone) please let her know this too.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### MBBBG

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast/Brunch Gathering will next take place on **Wednesday 14th January**, 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.

### Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will be meeting in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 15th, 22nd and 29th January**.  
Do come along!

### Prayer Breakfast

There is to be a Prayer Breakfast at 9am on **Saturday 17th January** at Clarence Road Evangelical Church. This is an East Cowes Churches Together event, an organisation we are now part of, and all are very welcome to attend.

### Coffee Morning

All are welcome to a Coffee Morning taking place at St James' Church Hall from 10am on **Tuesday 20th January**.

### The Bridge

You are invited to the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 30th January**. Please come along and join us—many hands make light work!

More help would be appreciated with delivering *The Bridge*, so if you know someone who might be prepared to help us, do please let David Bennison know by email to [David.Bennison@gmail.com](mailto:David.Bennison@gmail.com)

Alternatively would you be interested in writing an article for the magazine? If so, Warwick would love to hear from you! Please contact him at [thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:thebridge@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

*We are extremely grateful for the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no parish magazine.*

## Dates for your Diary

### This week

Sun 11th	9.30am Plurality Holy Communion (St Mark's) 5pm Evensong (St Edmund's)
Wed 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Brunch Gathering (St Mark's)
Thu 15th	10am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sat 17th	9am Prayer Breakfast (Clarence Rd Evangelical Church)

### Later

Sun 18th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 20th	10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 21st	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 22nd	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 25th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) followed by PCC Meeting 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Evensong (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)

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 Parish of St Edmund's and St Mark's Wootton Bridge

**Parish Priest:** Rev'd Sandra Matthews - contactable by email at [stedmundsandmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandmarks@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](mailto:safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

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