

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.



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.

25th January 2026

Volunteers Needed!

St Mildred's Church would like to invite anyone who may be interested in volunteering in the Coffee Shop and Church during the visitors season March to October 2026. For further information please email Careymorton@sky.com

Living in Love and Faith

The CofE's Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process has involved exploring the Church's approach to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage over the past few years. It resulted in a General Synod vote which allowed Prayers of Love and Faith (public prayers of dedication and blessing for same-sex couples) to be said in church.

The House of Bishops has now set out its position as it prepares to bring the LLF process to a conclusion. You can read more about what has happened and download their formal letter to the whole Church at www.churchofengland.org/media/news

Prayer

Lord God, you make all things new.

Inspire our lives with your spirit.

Renew our prayer with your grace.

Transform our service with your love.

In the renewal of our life may your kingdom flourish and your church thrive so that all may come to know and love you in your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

Wednesday, 28th January 9.30am at St Edmund's

2 Samuel 7.4-17

Sunday, 1st February Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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



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: Rowlands Castle

...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:*** 26th Lily Hales, 30th Kenneth Brown

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. The charity are no longer accepting the plastic milk bottle tops, though, so these will be instead be passed on to a local business on the Island that recycles hard plastics. 'Patter Products' is partnered with Quarr Abbey, carving and crafting home decor from reclaimed wood from the estate and workshops, and now creates unique pieces using discarded plastics. They hope to set up island collection points soon.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will be meeting in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 29th January**.
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 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

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

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

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.

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 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)
Wed 28th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
	5pm PCC Meeting (St James')
Thu 29th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
	6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 30th	2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)

Later

Sun 1st Feb	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)
Sun 8th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's)

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