

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.



8th 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

God of compassion, hear our prayers for those who are affected by natural disasters: strengthen them in their hour of need, and grant them courage to face the future, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

THIS WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday before Lent

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

Wednesday, 11th February 9.30am at St Edmund's

1 Kings 10.1-10

Sunday, 15th February Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



...Archbishop 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: Southsea Holy Spirit

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

... those who have recently died: Ann Salisbury

... those who are in Our Year's Mind: 9th Michael Stanbrook and Susan Smith, 11th William Henry Please

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.

Services during the Interregnum

The Churchwardens have made the decision that during the interregnum the services in Wootton would continue in the format as established by Reverend Sandra. This means that the Red Service book will be used for Communion services, the number of hymns will remain the same, and the lay-led services will, as far as possible, continue in their existing format. In the light of various changing demands in other areas, our aim is to maintain a stable, consistent routine in our services until a new priest is appointed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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. 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.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group next meet in the Coffee Lounge at St Mark's 10.30am on **Thursday 19th February**. Do come along!

‘Pray the Wight’

The Wight Church Network are organising another all-Island day of prayer, on **Saturday 28th February**, in True Vine Church, 26a High Street, Newport to pray together for the Island, seeking God to help, bless, make fruitful and bring a fresh breath of his presence across the whole of the Island in all our churches, Christian organisations and every Christian outreach and activity. Also to pray for our schools, colleges, institutions and for those in different areas of influence over us and other areas that need our prayers.

The prayer day will run from 10am to 4pm, with one hour devoted to each of 5 regions of the Island. People are welcome to stay as long as they wish, but we are invited to join in from 11.15am–12.15pm when our region (of Ryde, Wootton, Bembridge etc.) is being prayed for for further details email Rev Richard Buxton prayer@rydelim.org or Rev Brian Harley brianharley58@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

This week

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)

Later

Sun 15th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Wed 18th	9.30am Plurality Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 19th	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sun 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred'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)

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 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