



## The Churches of St Edmund's and St Mark's in the East Medina Plurality

### Pew Leaflet for Sunday 26th April 2026

A very warm welcome to any visitors worshipping with us!  
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.*

#### Prayer:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in times of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low,  
that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing  
can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*

#### Readings:

**Sunday, 26th April** - Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

**Wednesday, 29th April** (9.30am at St Edmund's): Acts 12.24—13.5

**Sunday, 3rd May** - Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

#### Dates for your Diary:

##### This week

Sun 26th      9.30am Family Patronal Festival Holy Communion (St Mark's)  
                  9.30am Holy Communion (St James')  
                  11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)  
                  6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's)

Tue 28th      9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)

Wed 29th      9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)

Thu 30th      9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)  
                  10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)  
                  6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

##### Next week

Sun 3rd May    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)  
                  2pm Baptism of Elaia and Sienna Dixon (St Mark's)

Tue 5th        9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)

Wed 6th        11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)  
                  2pm Friendship Guild (St James' Church Hall)

Thu 7th        9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)  
                  10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)  
                  6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

We look forward to seeing you at any of our services or events!  
St Edmund's Church is open for private prayer each day from 9am-5pm (or dusk if earlier)

## Please pray for...

...Archbishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Jonathan, Asst. Bishop Rob, Area Dean Chris, Assoc. Area Dean Vicky  
...God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, and those who staff our children's ministry  
...from the Diocesan cycle of prayers: Cowplain  
...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: Pete and Margaret, Margaret F, Ash and Tia, Doreen,  
Rosemary McC, Lorna, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line  
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 29<sup>th</sup> Don Salisbury, 30<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Rayner  
*Please obtain consent for any person to be added to the prayer list - for an initial period of 4 weeks.  
Names in our 'Year's Mind' will be published for three years and then removed unless otherwise requested.*

## Notices:

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APSM)**

The following people were appointed at the APCM held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April:

**Churchwardens:** Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon

**Assistant Churchwardens:** Mary Peters and Mike Broadsmith

**PCC members:** Hilary Baldwin, David Bennison, Sue Beynon, Erica Hall, Ed Hopper,  
Pauline Kirby and David McCulloch

Our thanks to everyone who has agreed to serve on the PCC and to all who attended the meeting.

### **Café Communion**

Our next Cafe Communion service will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at St Mark's.  
Please book if you would like lunch by email to [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com).

### **Friendship Guild**

The Friendship Guild will next meet on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at 2pm in James' Church Hall.

### **Thinking about ordained or lay ministry?**

If you are sensing a call to serve God as a Reader, Youth Minister, Anna Chaplain, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Preacher or Worship Leader, Deacon or Priest, please attend Newport Minster on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** 2.30-4:30pm. Details at: [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2026/05/09/its-your-call-roadshow-2026](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2026/05/09/its-your-call-roadshow-2026)

### **Christian Aid Week: 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life free from poverty. Donating will help fund tools and training so families can learn how to farm food wherever they live. Collection envelopes will be in both churches, or donations can be made online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### **The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group**

The MBBG takes place next on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, 10.30am in St Mark's Coffee Lounge.

### **Ascension Service**

We shall be hosting a Plurality Ascension Holy Communion service at St Edmund's Church on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 10am.

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Festival: 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August**

St James' Jigsaw Puzzle Festival organisers are requesting help, particularly from people who would be prepared to oversee the running of refreshments. All purchasing will have been done, and opening hours are 10am-4pm each day. If you can assist, please email Jill Traill at [pandjt@btinternet.com](mailto:pandjt@btinternet.com)

### Parish Information:

**Website:** [www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](http://www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Parish of St Edmund's and St Mark's Wootton Bridge

**Churchwardens:** Harry Kirby and Steve Beynon. Email [churchwarden@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

**Enquiries:** Contact the Parish Administrator via the parish website, or email [stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com)

**Safeguarding:** If you have concerns about a child or an adult who may be vulnerable or at risk, please contact Parish Safeguarding Officer Steve Beynon on 0789 435 3584 or email [safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk)

**Weekly Sheet co-ordinator:** Contact Helen Davison on 882330 or by email at [helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk)

*Enquiries will be replied to as soon as possible, but although emails etc are checked regularly, this may not be daily.*