



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 3rd May 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:

God of love, turn our hearts to your ways, and give us peace.

Amen

Readings:

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

Wednesday, 6th May (11.15am at St Mark's): Acts 15.1-6

Sunday, 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 17.22-31; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

Dates for your Diary:

This 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 (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)

Next week

- Sun 10th 9.30am 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 12th 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
- Wed 13th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group (St Mark's)
- Thu 14th 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
10am Plurality Ascension Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
- Sat 16th 11am Wedding (St Edmund'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: Portsdown and Purbrook
...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
...the family, godparents and friends of Elaia and Sienna Dixon being baptised today
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 6th Joyce Cheek, 9th Kate Bonny, Yvonne Gilbert

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:

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 6th May** at St Mark's.
Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

Friendship Guild

The Friendship Guild will next meet on **Wednesday 6th 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 9th May** 2.30-4:30pm. Details at: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2026/05/09/its-your-call-roadshow-2026

Christian Aid Week: 10th-16th 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

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group

The MBBG takes place next on **Wednesday 13th 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 14th May** at 10am.

Elephant Club

This is a social group for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. The next will take place on **Thursday 14th May** from 2-4pm at St Mark's.

Jigsaw Puzzle Festival: 10th-15th 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

Parish Information:

Website: 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

Enquiries: Contact the Parish Administrator via the parish website, or email 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

Weekly Sheet co-ordinator: Contact Helen Davison on 882330 or by email at 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.