



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 17th 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:

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, 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

Wednesday, 20th May (9.30am at St Edmund's): Acts 20.28-end

Sunday, 24th May – Pentecost: Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 17th 9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's)
9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 19th 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 20th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 21st 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Next week

Sun 24th 9.30am Pentecost Holy Communion (St Mark's)
9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
6.30pm Evensong with Cantus Vesperi (St Edmund's)
Wild Orchid Walk
Tue 26th 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 27th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)

Thu 28th 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
 6pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
 No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 29th 2pm Bridge Folding (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: The Sisters of Bethany
...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: Tia, Pete and Margaret, Margaret F, Doreen, Rosemary McC,
Lorna, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 19th Keeley Maloney, 20th Charles Hales, 21st Mario D'Agosto

*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:

Pentecost

We shall be holding a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on **Sunday 24th May** (at St Mark's), followed by Evensong with Cantus Vesperi at 6.30pm (at St Edmund's). All are welcome to join us.

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be in St James' Hall at 10am on **Tuesday 26th May**. Do come along!

The Bridge

You are invited to attend the next session of Bridge-folding which will be held in St Mark's Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 29th May**. Please come along and join us!

Wild Orchid Walk

Afternoon wild orchid walk in the countryside of Havenstreet on **Sunday 31st May**. Please meet at St Peter's Church Havenstreet at 2pm. The walk finishes at St Peter's Church for tea and cakes. Donations towards the Church Renovations would be very welcome. Please wear suitable footwear.

All Saints Cafe: Love Mondays

The All Saints Love Your Neighbour Team have announced the soft opening of a new café space at All Saints Church, Ryde, ahead of a full launch in September. Join them for Love Mondays, a weekly dedicated wellbeing day, running every Monday from 8am-12noon. Enjoy complimentary filter coffee, tea, baked cakes and treats. This is a relaxed and welcoming space for all — a great opportunity to connect with others, explore the newly renovated church, and find out more about church life, including Alpha, upcoming events, and our Love Your Neighbour projects.

Centenary and a year of special events

The Diocese of Portsmouth was officially created on 1st May 2027, when St Thomas Church became Portsmouth Cathedral. The first Bishop of Portsmouth, Neville Lovett, was officially enthroned on 6th October 1927. The year 2027 will therefore be the centenary year, and various special events to mark the occasion are being planned - including an exhibition of photos and artefacts within the cathedral. There will be special services held in our cathedral in May and October to mark the official centenaries of those seminal events. It is also hoped to be able to host a special open-air service in July, at which thousands of worshippers might gather together to thank God for his faithfulness over the past 100 years. More details will be shared as these events are finalised.

Parish Information:

Website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

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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.