



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 19th July 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:

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice
and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings:

Sunday, 19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 44.6-8; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Wednesday, 22nd July (9.30am at St Edmund's): Song of Solomon 3.1-4

Sunday, 26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 19th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 21st	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) 10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 23rd	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)

Next week

Sun 26th	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) 1.30pm-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire
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) 11am Memorial Service for Daniel Demission (St Edmund's) No 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, Archdeacon Barry, Area Dean Chris, and 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: Bishopsgrove Staff

...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: Mike T, Pete and Margaret, Margaret F, Doreen, Lorna, Rosemary McC, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line

...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 19th Violet Wade, 21st Jenny Goodall, 23rd Joan Hill

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:

Remembering with Ribbons event

This **Sunday 19th July**, celebrate a loved one's life by tying a ribbon in the beautiful Chelsea Garden at Mountbatten IoW to remember them. From 2pm-4pm, enjoy light refreshments, music and readings. You are welcome whether or not you have experienced Mountbatten's care before.

Just turn up on Sunday or notify them at www.mountbatten.org.uk/forms/let-us-know-youre-attending-remembering-with-ribbons-2026-sunday-19-july. To donate and dedicate a ribbon go to www.mountbatten.org.uk/Appeal/remembering-with-ribbons-2026

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be in St James' Hall at 10am on **Tuesday 21st July**. Do come along!

Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

This takes place at St James' church from **Monday 10th to Saturday 15th August**. The opening times are from 10am-4pm each day, plus from 6.30pm-8.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

100's of puzzles will be on display and to buy. Adults £1/children free. Refreshments available.

More information can be found at www.jigsawfestival.co.uk

Ride+Stride

This annual event in aid of Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust will be taking place on **Saturday 12th September**. We shall be opening the doors of St Edmund's to participants as usual. If you would like to participate, go to www.hihct.org.uk/ridestride-participant-registration/

Government consultation on religious education

Bishop Jonathan, who is Lead for Education in the House of Bishops and Chair of the National Society for Education, has welcomed a recent government announcement that a consultation will be launched in the autumn on making religious education in schools part of the national curriculum. He said: "This consultation both elevates the importance of the subject as integral to the flourishing of every child in our nation, and also preserves long-standing arrangements for church schools which make up a third of the state sector. We look forward to working closely with colleagues and partners within the education community, and to bringing our contribution to the consultation." You can read more here: www.churchofengland.org/media/news-and-press-releases/church-england-welcomes-government-consultation-religious-education-national-curriculum

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.