



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 26th 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:

Lord God, we live in disturbing days. Across the world prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer, be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us to receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings:

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

Wednesday, 29th July (9.30am at St Edmund's): Jeremiah 15.10, 16-end

Sunday, 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 55.1-5; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Dates for your Diary:

This week

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| Sun 26th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') |
| | 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) |
| | 1.30pm-3.30pm BBQ (St Mildred's orchard) |
| | 6.30pm Evensong (St Edmund's) |
| | 1.30pm-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's) |
| Tue 28th | 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) |
| | 11am-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire (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) |

Next week

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| Sun 2nd | 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) |
| Tue 4th | 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) |
| | 11am-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's) |
| Wed 5th | 11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's) |
| Thu 6th | 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall) |
| | 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark'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, and Area Dean Chris
...God's mission and our ministry in Wootton, and those who staff our children's ministry
...from the Diocesan cycle of prayers: Council for Social Responsibility
...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: 26th David Simmonds, 30th Daniel Demission, 1st Emma Pye

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 5th August** at St Mark's. Please book if you would like lunch by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com.

The PCC pays for the lunch which follows the service and all donations received are split equally between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish. All are welcome to attend.

Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

This takes place at St James' from **Monday 10th to Saturday 15th August**. Opening times are 10am-4pm each day, plus 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. Info: 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/

Camino: Diocesan Education Project 2026/7

Next year's project for church schools and parishes in our diocese picks up the themes of physical, spiritual and metaphorical journeys (including the Fairtrade journey of a cocoa bean!). The project booklet will be available at the beginning of October. If you have completed part or all of the Santiago de Compostella Camino, or any other pilgrimage walk in the UK or abroad (or if you know anyone who has) – our director of education, Jeff Williams, would really like to have a conversation with you. You can contact him at Jeff.williams@portsmouth.anglican.org

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of each one of us. If you have concerns about a child or an adult who may be vulnerable or at risk please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Steve Beynon on 07894353584 or by email at safeguarding@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

Parish Giving Scheme

If you don't already make a regular donation to our parish, please would you consider doing so? Cash is appreciated, but regular giving helps us to budget and just £5 per month really makes a difference! You can choose to make donations monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit.

If you would like to know more please contact David B, David M or Helen. *Thank you!*

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.