



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 16th August 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 compassion, hear our prayers for those who are affected by natural disasters:
strengthen them in their hour of need, and grant them courage to face the future,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings:

Sunday, 16th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Wednesday, 19th August (9.30am at St Edmund's): Ezekiel 34.1-11

Sunday, 23rd August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 16th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Tue 18th	9am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) 11am-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's)
Wed 19th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 20th	9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall) No Discussion Group (St Mark's) 5pm-6pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Next week

Sun 23rd	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 25th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) 11am-3.30pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's) 1pm Burial of Ashes: Christine Mackett (St Edmund's)
Wed 26th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 27th	9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall) No Discussion Group (St Mark's) 5pm-6pm Coffee lounge hire (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 28th	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, 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: Waterlooville
...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 have recently died: Philip Penfold
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 16th Mary Wright, 17th Davina Hudson, 20th Peggy Spencer and Frank Frost, 21st Trevor Walker, 22nd Stan Rapley

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:

Prayer Meeting

The time of our Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday 18th August** is changing to 9am – for this week only.

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 28th August**. Please come along and join us! We are grateful for the help of all our volunteers, without whom there would be no magazine. If you know someone who might be prepared to help us, do please let David Bennison know.

Service Information

Our next Plurality Holy Communion service will take place at St Mark's on **Sunday 30th August** at 9.30am. As usual, this will be the only service taking place that morning.

Living Faith Module 3: Questions of Faith

All of us have some questions to do with faith at some point in our journey with God. This module starts (by zoom) at 7.30pm on **Friday 4th September**, and seeks to begin an exploration through questions of faith towards a more illuminated view of God, and God's action in creation and salvation. If interested, please contact Rodney Fox on r.fox330@btinternet.com for more details

Exhibition at Quarr Abbey

Holy Week as told in paintings from the National Gallery. In the Courtyard Gallery, from 10am-5pm until **7th September**

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/

Generosity Week 2026

Generosity is at the heart of who God is, and who we're called to be as his people. It's about grace – God's overflowing generosity towards us, and our joyful response to that. This year Generosity Week will run from **Sunday 27th September to Sunday 4th October**.

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.