



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 23rd 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:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Readings:

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

Wednesday, 26th August (9.30am at St Edmund's): 2 Thessalonians 3.6-10

Sunday, 30th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-21;
Matthew 16.21-28

Dates for your Diary:

This week

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| Sun 23 rd | 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 25 th | 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 26 th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) |
| Thu 27 th | 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 28 th | 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's) |

Next week

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| Sun 30 th | 9.30am Plurality Holy Communion (St Mark's) Rev Chris |
| Tue 1 st Sept | 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) |
| Wed 2 nd | 11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
2pm Friendship Guild (St James' Church Hall) |
| Thu 3 rd | 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
No Discussion Group (St Mark's)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Sun 6 th | 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) |

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: The North End Team Ministry
...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: Margaret E, Mike T, Pete and Margaret, Margaret F, Doreen,
Lorna, Rosemary McC, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line
...the family and friends of Christine Mackett
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 25th Major Ralph Whillier, Joyce Wade, and Hilary Spurgeon,
27th Gladys Blessing

*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:

Discussion Group Update

Please be aware that the Discussion Group will not now return until the autumn.

The Bridge

All welcome to attend Bridge-folding in St Mark's Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 28th August**.

Service Information

Our next Plurality Holy Communion service will be at St Mark's on **Sunday 30th August** at 9.30am
This will be the only service taking place that morning in our plurality.

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 2nd September** at St Mark's. Please book by email to stedmundsandstmarks@gmail.com if you would like lunch.

Friendship Guild

The Friendship Guild will meet on **Wednesday 2nd September** at 2pm in St James' Church Hall.

Living Faith Module 3: Questions of Faith

Start date **Friday 4th September**. If interested, contact Rodney Fox on r.fox330@btinternet.com

Exhibition at Quarr Abbey

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

Important Notice re. Loose Headstones

A reminder that there are four headstones in St Edmund's graveyard which have become very loose, and three of them have had to be laid flat for safety reasons. They could all be secured back in place relatively simply, and relate to the following people:

MAY MCGILL (Died 1980), HELEN FISHWICK (Died 1983),
PETER PROCTOR (Died 1985) WILFRED BIRKBECK (Died 1986)

If you are a relative/descendant of one of the above-named would you please let the churchwardens know what you intend to have done. The churchwardens may be contacted by email at churchwarden@cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

Please be aware that if no action is taken the Parochial Church Council will be obliged to have the headstones laid down, with the inscription underneath to avoid weathering. 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.