



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 20th September 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:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings:

Sunday, 20th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity: Jonah 3.10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20.1-16

Wednesday, 23rd September (9.30am at St Edmund's): Proverbs 30.5-9

Sunday, 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Philippians 2.1-13;
Matthew 21.23-32

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 20th 9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's)
 9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
 2pm Baptism of Oliver Moss (St Edmund's)
Tue 22nd 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 24th 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
 No Discussion Group (St Mark's)
 6pm PCC Meeting (St Mark's)
 No Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Fri 25th 2pm Bridge Folding (St Mark's)

Next week

Sun 27th 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 29th 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 30th 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 1st Oct 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
 6pm 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: Fareham Holy Trinity with St Columba
...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: Judith and Tony E, Margaret E, Pete and Margaret, Margaret F, Doreen, Lorna, Rosemary McC, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line
...the family, godparents and friends of Oliver Moss being baptised today
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 24th Pat Davis

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:

Heritage Open Days on the Isle of Wight

This year's Heritage Open days event ends today, **Sunday 20th September**. The programme offers a unique opportunity for residents and visitors alike to discover the history, architecture and stories behind some of the Island's most significant buildings. To discover the churches taking part and what events are on offer go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on.html

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 25th September**. Please come along and join us

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**.

Discussion Group

The weekly Discussion Group will re-start in the Coffee Lounge at 10.30am with effect from **Thursday 1st October**. All welcome.

Evensong change

In recent years, we have held the traditional Evening Prayer (or Evensong) service on two Sundays a month. It is noticeable that, as attendances have declined, fewer churches are now holding evening services of any kind. The PCC felt that it would be a pity to give up completely on Sunday evening services, but it was clear that some change was needed. Starting in October, we shall be holding just one evening service a month, usually, on the third Sunday at 5pm at St Edmund's. The form of this service will alternate between a contemplative sequence of prayers and music (often called Taizé style) and the traditional Evening Prayer/Evensong. The sequence will begin with a Taizé-style service on **Sunday 18th October** and continue with a Traditional Evensong on **15th November**.

Wootton Parish Council CPR Sessions

Would you be interested in learning CPR and other potentially lifesaving first aid skills? The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of running CPR training sessions in Wootton, so if you are interested in or would like to find out more, please email clerk@woottonbridgepc.gov.uk.

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.