



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 27th 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:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that,
always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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, 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Philippians 2.1-13;
Matthew 21.23-32

Wednesday, 30th September (9.30am at St Edmund's): Job 9.1-12, 14-16

Sunday, 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14;
Matthew 21.33-46

Dates for your Diary:

This 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)

Next week

Sun 4th 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 6th 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 7th 11.15am Café Communion (St Mark's)
 2pm Friendship Guild (St James' Church Hall)
Thu 8th 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: Portchester
...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
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 28th Ros Malyon, 29th Ivy Stay, 30th Richard Marlow, 2nd Jacynthe Hulacka, 3rd Ianville Hammerton

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:

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.

Friendship Guild

The Friendship Guild next meet in St James' Church Hall on **Wednesday 7th October** at 2pm.

Café Communion

Our next Cafe Communion service will take place at 11.15am on **Wednesday 7th October** 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 between Wootton Primary School's hardship fund and our parish

Annual Subscriptions to 'The Friends of St Edmund's' 27/9 + 3 weeks

The Annual Subscriptions for The Friends of St. Edmund's Church Building Trust 2026 are now due. It is a huge help to the treasurer if all the subscriptions are paid by the end of September. Please remember to complete a membership form for this next year, completing the Gift Aid declaration, if possible, and enclose this form with your subscription. Membership forms are available on the notice boards in both St. Edmund's and St. Mark's Churches. Thank you.

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.**

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.