



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 11th October 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:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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, 11th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9;
Matthew 22.1-14

Wednesday, 14th October (9.30am at St Edmund's): Galatians 5.18-end

Sunday 18th October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 35.3-6; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
Mon 12th	9am School visit: Harvest (St Mark's)
Tue 13th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 14th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) 10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group (St Mark's)
Thu 15th	9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall) 10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's) 6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)

Next week

Sun 18th	9.30am Harvest Morning Worship (St Mark's) 9.30am Holy Communion (St James') 11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) 5pm Taize-style Evensong (St Edmund's)
Tue 20th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) 10am Coffee Morning (St James' Church Hall)
Wed 21st	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 22nd	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: Greatham, Empshott, and Hawkley with Priors Dean
...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, Lorna, Rosemary McC, Barbara Edwards, and all who are on our Luke 11 Line
...those who have recently died: Ivan Macaulay
...those who are in Our Year's Mind: 11th Arthur Edwards, 15th Pat (Pat) Dixon, 17th Trevor Couvell, Mary Dimmick, and Fiona Mansbridge

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:

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group

The MBBG takes place next on **Wednesday 14th October** 10.30am in St Mark's Coffee Lounge

Elephant Club

This social group is for those living with memory loss, their carers and friends. Anyone who would like company and cake is invited to attend on **Thursday 15th October** from 2-4pm at St Mark's.

Harvest

We shall be celebrating Harvest at our Morning Worship service at 9.30am on **Sunday 18th October**

Evensong change

In recent years, we have held the traditional Evening Prayer (or Evensong) service twice a month. As attendances have declined, fewer churches now hold evening services of any kind. In our parish we shall now hold just one evening service a month, usually, on the third Sunday at St Edmund's at 5pm. 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. We begin with a Taizé-style service on **Sunday 18th October** and continue with a Traditional Evensong on **15th November**.

Annual Subscriptions to 'The Friends of St Edmund's'

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

Launch of Diocesan centenary celebrations

Next year we celebrate 100 years of our diocese and our cathedral, both of which were created in 1927. There will be a range of centenary events and activities during 2027, as we thank God for his faithfulness in the past, celebrate stories from across our diocese in the present, and leave a lasting legacy for the future. A formal launch will be held at 7pm on **Sunday 11th October**, to which you are invited. You are also welcome to attend the Choral Eucharist beforehand, which starts at 5.45pm. Complimentary 99-style ice-creams will be on offer from 7pm to reflect the fact that 2026 is the 99th year of our existence! Information and invitations are both at www.portsmouth.anglican.org/100/

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.