



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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 18th 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:

We thank you for this harvest, and we pray that you bless all those who have worked so hard to bring in the crops. Protect them as they continue to work on the land. We pray for those who are struggling at this time. It may not be easy to accept that the harvest this year may not be as abundant as the previous years, but let them not lose their hope and faith in you. Please provide them with their needs and give them the strength to get through. May you send your Holy Spirit, Lord, to guide us all during this time of harvest and thanksgiving. We offer our crops to you, whether they are plenty or few. **Amen**

Readings:

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

Wednesday, 21st October (9.30am at St Edmund's): Ephesians 3.2-12

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday after Trinity: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18, 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

Dates for your Diary:

This week

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| 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) |

Next week

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| Sun 25th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Mark's)
9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's) |
| Tue 27th | 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's) |
| Wed 28th | 9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's) |
| Thu 29th | 9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
2.15pm Funeral: Maureen Wyarrt (Crematorium)
6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's) |
| Fri 30th | 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: Isle of Wight Deanery Officers
...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: Robert, 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

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:

Harvest

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

Evensong change

We shall now hold just one evening service a month. We begin with a Taizé-style service tonight **Sunday 18th October** and continue with a Traditional Evensong on **15th November**.

Don't Forget!

The clocks 'fall back' one hour at 2am on **Sunday 25th October**.

Funeral: Maureen Wyarrt

Maureen's funeral will be held at the crematorium on **Thursday 29th October** at 2.15pm followed by a gathering at the Woodmans. Her daughter Katherine warmly invites all who knew her, but please do let Helen (helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk) know if you plan to attend and of any dietary needs, so that she can keep Katherine updated.

The Bridge

The next session of Bridge-folding will be in the Coffee Lounge at 2pm on **Friday 30th October**.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

Our annual Commemoration for the Faithful Departed will take place on **Sunday 1st November**, at 5pm at St Edmund's. If you would like someone to be especially remembered please add their name to the list on the noticeboard in either Church before 29th October. All are welcome to attend.

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. More details of some of the planned celebrations can be found at www.portsmouth.anglican.org/100/

Parish Information:

Website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk

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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.