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

Pew Leaflet for Sunday 8th November 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:

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war—those who returned scarred, those who waited anxiously, those who mourned, and all communities diminished by conflict. Grant us peace in our time and a longing for the unity of Christ's kingdom. ***Amen***

Readings:

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday: Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Wednesday 11th November (9.30am at St Edmund's): Titus 3.1-7
Sunday 15th November – Second Sunday before Advent: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Dates for your Diary:

This week

Sun 8th	**10am** Holy Communion (St Mark's)
	9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
	11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
	3pm Memorial Service (St Edmund's Churchyard)
Tue 10th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 11th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
	10.30am Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group (St Mark's)
Thu 12th	9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
	10.30am Discussion Group (St Mark's)
	2pm Elephant Club (St Mark's)
	6pm Choir Practice (St Mark's)
Sat 14th	10am-12noon Christmas Fair (St James' Church Hall)

Next week

Sun 15th	9.30am Morning Worship (St Mark's)
	9.30am Holy Communion (St James')
	11.15am Holy Communion (St Mildred's)
	5pm Traditional Evensong (St Edmund's)
Mon 16th	12noon Funeral: Ivan Macauley (St Edmund's)
Tue 17th	9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting (St Mark's)
Wed 18th	9.30am Holy Communion (St Edmund's)
Thu 19th	9.30am Teddy Club (St James' Church Hall)
	9.15am-3pm Safeguarding Training (St Mark's)
	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: All those taking part in Remembrance services across the diocese
…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
…those who are in Our Year's Mind: 11th Tom King and Ian David McDowall

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:

Remembrance Sunday

Please be aware that on **Sunday 8th November** our service of Holy Communion at St Mark's will commence at 10am and will include an act of Remembrance at 11am. Then in the afternoon a Remembrance Service will be held at St Edmund's War Memorial at 3pm.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

The Mark's Brothers' Breakfast Group

The MBBG takes place next on **Wednesday 10th November** 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 11th November** from 2-4pm at St Mark's.

Webinar: Hope for All Creation

On **Tuesday 17th November**, 1pm to 2pm (Zoom), Hope for All Creation is a landmark teaching document setting out the Church of England's theological response to the climate and nature crises. Go to www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2026/11/17/webinar-hope-all-creation/ to register.

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 27th November.** All welcome!

Churches Together Carol Singing

We will be singing carols in the following residential, care, and assisted living homes this year and would appreciate more voices joining us! These visits are very much enjoyed by everyone.
Kynance - Wednesday 2nd December at 11am; Powys House - Thursday 10th December at 3.30pm; Hazelwood House - Tuesday 15th December at 6pm; Coburg Court - Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm

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

2026 subscriptions are now due. Please complete a membership form (available in both churches) for this next year, completing the Gift Aid declaration if possible, and return with your payment.

Parish Information:

Website: www.cofeparishofwoottonbridge.org.uk
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Enquiries will be replied to as soon as possible, but although emails etc are checked regularly, this may not be daily.