



Crofton Parish Diary

February

Mon 12		No Youth Alpha (<i>back Mon 19th</i>)	
Tues 13	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea & Company , bereavement support & friendship.	Main Hall
Thu 15	7.30 pm	Fareham Deanery Social Event , meet Bishop Alex	St Mary's, Warsash Centre
Mon 19	5.45pm—8pm	Youth Alpha , School Years 7-11	Centre
Tues 20	7.15pm	PCC meeting	Oak Room
Wed 21	7.30pm	ID , intentional discipleship course for post Alpha	Oak Room
Wed 21	7.30pm	Churches Together Lent course (1) 'Encounters with Jesus— <i>Nicodemus</i> ' led by Revd Claire Simpson. Coffee served from 7.15pm. All welcome	Methodist Church, Burnt House Lane.
Thurs 22	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Beech Room
Fri 9	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 24	10-11.30am	Who Let The Dads Out? Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties.	Main Hall
Sat 24	7pm	FOCOC Beetle Drive and Fish and Chip Supper . Tickets £8 from the church office or Peter Gladwell.	Main Hall
Wed 28	7.30pm	Lent Course (2) 'Woman in Adultery' Led by Kevin Stares of Shoreline	Baptist Church

March

Fri 2	1.45pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service.	Methodist Church
Tues 6	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting , with speaker Elizabeth Grove	Main hall
Tues 6	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening , all welcome	Main hall
Wed 7	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate , speaker, Karen Wainwright on 'Jesus, the Good Shepherd'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 7	7.30pm	Lent Course (3) 'Woman at the Well' Led by Colin Prestidge	St Edmunds Church
Fri 9	7.30-9pm	FAST youth group for school years 10-13	Centre

Sunday 18 February

St. Edmund's: 9.30am BCP Holy Communion: Leader/Preacher: Archdeacon Gavin Collins
 11.10am Holy Communion Leader: Archdeacon Gavin Collins Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise: Leader: Paul Grant Preacher: Revd Richard England
 6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise: Leader: Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle

Thursday 10:30 Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England



Sunday 11 February (1 before Lent)

Thank you for joining us today at Holy Rood and St Edmund's churches - you are among friends, and if you are new to this church we'd love the opportunity to answer any questions you might have. Stay for coffee after the morning service at Holy Rood, and stop by the welcome table to say hello - or speak to any of our stewards at Holy Rood or St Edmund's. We are glad you're here and we'd love to see you back next week.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 February

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England
 Bible readings: 1 Thessalonians 1 & Matthew 28:18-20

Holy Rood

9.30am All in Holy Communion

Leaders: Beth Yeandle and Beryl Stares Preacher: Beth Yeandle
 Bible reading: Luke 2:41-52

6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Paul Grant
 Bible Reading: James 2: 14-26

Thursday 15 Feb, 10.30am, Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, in the Foster Room, Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares

Our congregations are encouraged to see giving as part of our worship; this is often planned giving by standing order or envelope, and there is opportunity also to make an offering during services. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes where possible.

WORSHIP	WELCOME	WITNESS
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Ministers: every member



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For information & prayer, 11 February

THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2018—Refugee and Neighbour. This year's donations are to be shared between Christian Aid to support their work overseas directly with refugees and local charities and groups helping refugees in our area. **See the Lent Appeal leaflets in church, and please use the special Lent envelopes for your donation.**

 **CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE 2018—Encounters with Jesus** is on five Wednesday evenings from 21 February, 7.15pm-9pm, and everyone is welcome. If you can get to every session that would be great, or just come along when you can. It's a great chance to meet and get to know Christians from other churches. Coffee is served at 7.15pm. See the diary page for all venues and speakers.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE through our Easter lily scheme, look out for request slips in both churches. For a donation of £1 towards the cost of Easter flowers your loved one's name will be on the memorial list and displayed in both churches throughout the year. **Closing date for requests is 22 March.** For more info contact Beryl Harris.

FOCOC Beetle Drive with fish and chip supper, Saturday 24 February at 7pm in the Centre. Tickets cost £8 from the church office or Peter Gladwell. Feel free to bring your own drinks.

HOLY ROOD WELCOME TABLE. Are you someone who enjoys meeting new people and welcoming them into our church family? We are still looking for 2 people to staff the welcome table in the hall at coffee time on 1st Sundays of the month. Please contact the church office if you would like to find out more, or have a chat with churchwarden, Julie Mizen.

PORTSMOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT, 3 March at Kings Church, Portsmouth. Please sign sheet in foyer if interested. Tickets are available from Ken Shearsmith or online from Eventbrite. Return travel with Vision Coaches at £5.00 per person can be arranged. See Ken for further details.

PCC Tuesday 20th February

This month the PCC will continue working on implementing the vision and managing the effect significant growth will have on Parish life.

Please pray for them as they consider the suitability of the Holy Rood buildings, how we provide good pastoral care for all and how we care for our staff team.

FAREHAM DEANERY SOCIAL EVENT. You are invited to meet Bishop Alex (the Rt Rev Alex Asmah, the new bishop of the diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi in Ghana, with whom we have a deanery link) at a Fareham Deanery social event in the church hall of St Mary's, Hook-with-Warsash, on Thursday 15th February from 7.30 pm.



Last year the PCC looked afresh at the mission of the parish and sought to discern God's vision for the next few years. **If you have not got a copy of the Vision card, study guide and response form, please pick them up today at St Edmund's or here at Holy Rood.** In addition, Richard has written to everyone on Crofton Parish electoral roll. If you have not yet received your letter, please collect it today. Mike Terry (Electoral Roll Officer) has spare copies if you are not on the electoral roll.

THE BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM are having a speaker from Cruse Bereavement Care On Tuesday 20 February at 10am. Please do come along if you would be interested in hearing about their work.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Stubbington and Lee Group invite you to a service at Stubbington Methodist Church on Friday 2 March at 1:45pm. Refreshments served after the service.

LIBERIA SCHOOL OF MINISTRIES.

Jeff Gennings is travelling to Monrovia, the capital of Liberia on Friday 9 February, teaching for a week. This is a new school and it is expected that 60 church leaders will attend. Please pray for health and safety and for inspired teaching and preaching.

THE LAST BATTLEFIELD TOUR will take place from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 September. If interested please speak to Richard Craigie.

THANK YOU all so much for the love and care shown to us following dad's recent passing. For all your sympathy cards, kind and comforting words and support by attending dad's funeral. You were all such special people in both mum and dad's (Lita and Tony's) lives and will continue to be in ours. With much love and God's blessings. Ismay and Julia (Flint)

Please pray for

- **Richard,** Give thanks that biopsy results show new bone marrow functioning well and no sign of any Myeloma cells. Richard thanks everyone for thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray that his immune system recovers well over the next few weeks.
- **Gemma,** Give thanks for the week in hospital, for Gemma and all the staff working alongside her. Please pray for ongoing healing as they plan the next step forward.
- **Sarah,** please pray for healing and practical help from social services.
- **Wendy,** Unwell in QA hospital.
- **Toby,** praise God for positive results from recent biopsy. Please pray for continued healing and improved sleep.
- **Emma,** with terminal cancer. Pray for Emma, her husband and young children.
- **Pam,** pray for healing of DVTs.
- **John,** Christine Guest's brother. Now home from hospital with 24 hour care. Pray that care will be constant and for his wife, Linda in this stressful situation.
- **Bunty,** Jane Dilloway's aunt, increasingly frail and in hospital. Please pray for God's comfort and peace.
- **Barbara,** now home following heart attack.
- **John,** having chemo for Myeloma. Please pray for good outcome and minimal side effects.
- **Jacqui,** In QA for assessment. Please pray for effective treatment.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer:** Today all parishes will be praying for the parish of St Mary's, Portchester. Vicar: Ian Meredith, Churchwardens and Staff Team. They pray for guidance regarding a possible building extension, for wisdom in planning their alternative Sunday service and for the adults going for baptism and confirmation.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the residents of Marks Road, Spencer Court, Southways, Northways and Westways.

Please send any prayer requests to the church office, office@croftonparish.org.uk