



Crofton Parish Diary

April

Wed 18	10am-12pm	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	Lychgate Green
Fri 20	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 20	7.30-9pm	FAST youth group for school years 10-13	Centre
Sat 21	10-11.30am	Who Let The Dads Out? Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties	Main Hall
Sun 22	3.30-6.30pm	Annual Church Meeting with Cream Tea at 3.30pm, Annual Meeting at 4.30pm and short service of Prayer and Worship from 6pm	Holy Rood Church & Centre
Thurs 26	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Beech Room

May

Tues 1	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting, with speaker Ann Shotlander	Main Hall
Tues 1	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening, all welcome	Main Hall
Wed 2	10.30am	Daytime Pastorate, with Robin Green speaking on 'Jesus is the Truth' Coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Sun 6	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Main Hall
Tues 8	11am-4.45pm	Cup of Tea and Company, Day out to Stanstead Park. Meet in Holy Rood car park	Stanstead Park
Fri 11	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 11	7.30-9pm	FAST youth group for school years 10-13	Centre
Sat 12	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting & every 2nd & 4th Sat	Beech Room
Sat 12	2pm-3.30pm	CK Kids Family Fun Afternoon—doors open at 1.45pm. £3 per family	Church and Centre
Fri 18	10am-12pm	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	Lychgate Green
Sat 19	10-11.30am	Who Let The Dads Out? Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties	Main Hall
Tues 21	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Main Hall
Thurs 31	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Beech Room

Services on Sunday, 22 April

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service: Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks
Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise: Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Archdeacon Gavin Collins
 4.30pm Annual Church Meeting followed by a short time of prayer and worship



Sunday, 15 April

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 15 April (Easter 3)

9.30 am: BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares
 Bible readings: 1 Peter 2:19-end & John 10:11-16

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Ven Dr Trevor Reader
 Bible readings: 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England
 The Cause 'Introduction' Bible reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14

6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle
 Bible readings: Exodus 3:1-10

Thursday 19 April, 10.30am, Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, in the Foster Room, Led by Revd Richard England

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.

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Ministers: every member



If you are a hearing aid user and would like to make use of the hearing loop, please switch your aid to T position and sit in one of the central pews marked with the loop symbol.

For information & prayer, 15 April

2020 NEXT SUNDAY – ANNUAL MEETING AND CREAM TEA

Our Annual Meeting (APCM) is next Sunday! We do hope you will be able to join us - whether it's for the 1st time or 50th time! We hope the earlier time will make it easier for you to get out, and for families there is a film for your youngsters. This is a time to look back with thanks at what God has done in the parish, and to look forward at how His vision will be realised in the coming months. We also elect people to the PCC to help guide the parish through this exciting time.

But with only a week to go some planning needs completing now, have you:

- Signed up for the cream tea? You can do it now on the hub 
- Completed your nomination form if you feel led to serve on the PCC? Download one from the hub. The details of the PCC candidates will be put on the hub later in the week.
- Checked you are on the Electoral Roll? It's important you check your details if this is your first year on it – the Electoral Roll is displayed in both churches until Monday.
- Read the Annual Report and Accounts? Again you can find it on the hub.

If you haven't installed it yet the hub is at croftonparish.org.uk/hub. You can also find the forms and sign-up sheet in both churches.

The Cream Tea starts at 3:30, the Annual Meeting starts at 4:30 and closes with a time of worship and prayer that starts at about 6. There is no evening Ascent service.

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY GROUP (with Creche) Are you a parent of young children hungry to learn but unable to concentrate on Sunday morning because you are juggling the needs of little ones? Perhaps, for the same reason, it is difficult for you to attend an evening service or home group. Would you be interested in coming along to a daytime Bible Study/Discussion Group with a Creche for pre-school children? Please join Charlotte Hayes and Heather Brown for an exploratory chat and a cuppa in the Creche room at the back of the church on Friday 27 April at 10am. Pre-school children welcome. Contact Charlotte and Heather at childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk

PARENTS, some Sunday morning groups are changing location from TODAY. Please see the flyer for more details as speak to a Steward or Children's Group Leader.

VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING

REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE: All volunteers need to undertake a mandatory refresher training course every three years and a new, very interesting, updated course specifically relevant to church life is now available on line. If your training is due for renewal please contact your group leader or Mary White, Safeguarding Administrator at mary.countryview@gmail.com for details of how to log on. She can also check when your training is due if you are unsure. Thank you again to all who volunteer - it is much appreciated.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH

please do visit our Welcome Table in the  hall for a chat and cuppa after the morning service. We'd love to get to know you better.

PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH. If you would like to pray for our youth and the youth work here at Holy Rood there is a monthly prayer newsletter (by email) to keep you up to date with events and prayer requests. To receive a copy please email Carolyn at carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk

FLAME YOUTH GROUP OPEN

EVENTS. If you have a child in year 6 we would love to invite them to Flame Youth Group for our open events on 20 and 27 April. We meet from 3.15pm to 5pm in the Church Centre. Come and join in the fun!

PARENTS please remember that you are responsible for your children during coffee time after the 9:30 service at Holy Rood. For safety reasons, pre-school and Primary age children are **NOT** allowed upstairs after the service.

Please pray for

- **Richard**, now home and improving. Pray also for Ann's mum, now back home, for health and that a care package will be in place soon. The family are grateful for continued prayer support.
- **Gemma**, Please pray for better pain management.
- **Sarah**, please pray for healing and practical help from social services.
- **Wendy**, now back in Gracewell Care Home, Fareham and would welcome visitors very much.
- **Toby**, praise God for positive results from recent biopsy. Please pray for continued healing and improved sleep.
- **Pam**, pray for healing of DVTs.
- **Betty**, Now home from hospital. Please pray for continued healing following recent operation.
- **Frank and Sandra**, in pain and struggling.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today all parishes in our Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St John the Baptist Church, Locks Heath. Vicar, Gavin Foster, their staff team and team of retired clergy and readers. They give thanks for blessings and well attended services during Easter and ask for prayer for the upcoming APCM, their Alpha Course beginning in May and the necessary funding and advertising for a Children and Families Team Leader.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for the residents of Jay Close, Tawney Owl Close, Hazelwood, Country View and Puffin Close.

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

REGULAR GIVING BOXED ENVELOPE SCHEME. New boxes for 2018 are now available for collection at the back of the church for those who use this scheme.