



# Crofton Parish Diary

## May

Tues 1	2pm	<b>Mothers' Union meeting</b> , with speaker Ann Shotlander	Main Hall
Tues 1	7.30pm	<b>Parish Prayer Evening</b> , all welcome	Main Hall
Wed 2	10.30am	<b>Daytime Pastorate</b> , with Robin Green speaking on ' <i>Jesus is the Truth</i> ' Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
Tues 8	1.45pm	<b>Stroll and cuppa</b> , Ladies walk from the Rotary Hut (or The Shack at 2pm) to Lee and back.	Beach
Tues 8	11am-5pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Day out to Stanstead Park. Meet in Holy Rood car park at 11am.	Stanstead Park
Fri 11	3.30-5pm	<b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 11	7.30-9.30pm	<b>FAST youth group</b> for school years 10-13	Centre
Sat 12	7.30am	<b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b>	Beech Room
Sat 12	2pm-3.30pm	<b>CK Kids Family Fun Afternoon</b> —doors open at 1.45pm. £3 per family.	Church and Centre
Sat 12	7.30pm	<b>St Edmund's Singers</b> , admission free with donations to the upkeep of St Edmunds Church.	Main Hall
Fri 18	10am-12pm	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	Lychgate Green
Sat 19	10-11.30am	<b>Who Let The Dads Out?</b> Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties.	Main Hall
Mon 21	7.15pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Main Hall
Thurs 24	8-10pm	<b>Men's Pub Night</b>	Crofton Pub
Thurs 31	6.30-7.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>	Beech Room

## June

Wed 6	10.30am	<b>Daytime Pastorate</b> , with Revd Colin Prestidge speaking on ' <i>Jesus is the Life</i> ' Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
Fri 8 - Sun 10		<b>Flower Festival</b> open 10.30am - 5pm	St Edmunds Church

## Services on Sunday, 6 May

- St. Edmund's:** 8am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
11.10am Holy Communion: Leader Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Beth Yeandle
- Holy Rood:** 9.30am Morning Praise with Baptism Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle  
6.30pm Causeway A service of prayer and praise especially for adults with learning disabilities but everyone welcome
- Thursday 10:30 Holy Communion** Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England



## Sunday, 29 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 29 April (Easter 5) St Edmunds

**9.30 am: Holy Communion** Leader/Preacher: Revd Reg Forse  
Bible readings: James 1: 17-21 and John 16:5-15

### Holy Rood

#### 9.30am Morning Praise with Baptism

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
The Cause 2 'Our Original Mandate' Bible Reading: Genesis 2:4-24

#### 6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Paul Grant  
'The Book of James' Bible Reading: James 5:7-20

**Thursday 3 May, 10.30am, Holy Communion**, in the Foster Room, Led by Revd Colin Prestidge

**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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**Vicar:** Revd Richard England **Assistant Minister:** Revd Colin Prestidge **Youth Worker:** Carolyn Terry  
**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, 29 April

## Annual Meeting

Thank you for all who came and supported the Parish at the Annual Meeting last Sunday. Numbers were up by almost a quarter so it seems the earlier time suited people. At the meeting Julie Mizen and Jim Nolan were re-elected as our churchwardens. Sarah Donaghy, Tim Downs, John Elgie, Mike Terry and Karen Wainwright were elected to PCC. Please continue to pray for our wardens and PCC that they will have wisdom, discernment and faith as they exercise their leadership role.

 **2020 VISION** 'Resourcing our Vision' pack if you have not done so already. There will be a meeting in Holy Rood Church at 11am on Sunday May 13 for you to ask any questions you may have about the staffing and finance aspects.

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

### SUNDAY COFFEE AT HOLY ROOD

Thank you to those who prepare and serve Sunday coffee at Holy Rood. **However, we are looking for a couple more volunteers.** You would be part of a team of 4, and on duty once every 8 weeks. Contact Gill Nolan, [occadmin@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:occadmin@croftonparish.org.uk), if you can help.

**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<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Pre-school children welcome. Contact Charlotte and Heather at [childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk)



**FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON—Saturday 12 May 2pm-3:30pm.** Aimed at families with primary school aged children but if your children are a little younger or older, you are still welcome to come along. Sports zone, challenge zone, build zone, tech zone, glamour zone, baby zone, prayer zone, craft zone and a cafe - ending with a fun Family Worship time. £3 per family including refreshments. Once again, lots of cakes will be needed.

**ST EDMUNDS SINGERS** are holding a musical evening at the Parish Centre, Holy Rood. On the 12th May starting at 7.30 pm Admission free with donations going to the upkeep of St Edmunds Church. Tea and coffee will be available during the interval and there will be a raffle to finish the evening.

## 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.

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN OUR

**SUNDAY GROUPS.** We are in the process of organising some training in **British Sign Language** with a view to supporting children in our Sunday groups. If you would be interested in learning BSL and helping out with this important work, please contact the office.



## PAINTBRUSHES AT THE READY!

Our new curates arrive in June and we'd love to welcome them to the parish by ensuring their new home is freshly decorated. To enable us to do this we'd appreciate the help of a team of decorators. Planning to start on Monday 21st May, we're expecting this may take a couple of weeks, with people signing up to a rota. If you're interested or want to know more, please contact either Julie or Jim (churchwardens).

**LADIES STROLL AND CUPPA.** Tuesday 8 May. Meeting 1.45pm at the Rotary Hut or 2pm at The Shack with time for a cuppa in Lee before heading back. All ladies welcome.

## CALLING ALL MEN

Thursday 24 May sees **IN THE ARENA**, an evening event in Southampton run by Care for the Family that gives men the chance to hear some practical and tested advice that will not only help face life's challenges but make the best of the opportunities that come your way. For more information and tickets please see leaflets in the foyer or online at [cff.org.uk/inthearena](http://cff.org.uk/inthearena)



## Please pray for .....

- **Gemma**, Give thanks that Gemma has been accepted to go back to Oxford Orthopaedic Hospital for further rehabilitation.
- **Sarah**, 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.
- **Frank and Sandra**, in pain and struggling.
- **Jacqui**, thank you for your prayers. Our God is amazing.
- Please pray for our young people at **Fairthorne Manor** this weekend. Pray that the Lord will speak to many of our young people and they will want to become closer to Him.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today all parishes in our Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St Mary's Hook with Warsash. Clergy: Revds Mike & Nicky-Sue Terry, Revds George Gebauer, Bill Day, Roger Moseley and the team of Readers and Wardens. They give thanks for their great Easter services, their four confirmations and for St Mary's various congregations and pray for the new PCC, the recruitment process of a new Families Worker and their 'Growing Our Church' programme.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for the residents of Old Street.

Please send any prayer requests to the church office [office@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@croftonparish.org.uk)

## PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH

If you would like to pray for our youth and the youth work here at Holy Rood we have 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](mailto:carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk)