



# Crofton Parish Diary

## April

<b>Tues 10</b>	2-3.30pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Main Hall
<b>Wed 11</b>	9.30am	<b>Fair Trade stall</b> during Wednesday Café	Oak Room
<b>Sat 14</b>	7.30am	<b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b>	Beech Room
<b>Sat 14</b>	10.30am	<b>FOCOC AGM</b> with coffee after meeting. Doors open at 10am	St Edmunds
<b>Wed 18</b>	10am-12pm	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	Lychgate Green
<b>Fri 20</b>	3.30-5pm	<b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10	Centre
<b>Fri 20</b>	7.30-9pm	<b>FAST youth group</b> for school years 10-13	Centre
<b>Sat 21</b>	10-11.30am	<b>Who Let The Dads Out?</b> Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties.	Main Hall
<b>Sun 22</b>	3.30-6.30pm	<b>Annual Church Meeting</b> with Cream Tea at 3.30pm, Annual Meeting at 4.30pm and short service of Prayer and Worship from 6pm	Holy Rood Church & Centre
<b>Thurs 26</b>	6.30-7.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>	Beech Room

## May

<b>Tues 1</b>	2pm	<b>Mothers' Union meeting</b> , with speaker Ann Shotlander	Main Hall
<b>Tues 1</b>	7.30pm	<b>Parish Prayer Evening</b> , all welcome	Main hall
<b>Wed 2</b>	10.30am	<b>Daytime Pastorate</b> , with Robin Green speaking on ' <i>Jesus is the Truth</i> ' Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
<b>Tues 8</b>	2-3.30pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Main hall
<b>Fri 11</b>	3.30-5pm	<b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10	Centre
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<b>Sat 12</b>	7.30am	<b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b>	Beech Room
<b>Sat 12</b>	2pm-3.30pm	<b>CK Kids Family Fun Afternoon</b> —doors open at 1.45pm. £3 per family.	Church and Centre
<b>Fri 18</b>	10am-12pm	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	Lychgate Green
<b>Sat 19</b>	10-11.30am	<b>Who Let The Dads Out?</b> Dads and children's activity morning. £2 per family, includes bacon butties.	Main Hall
<b>Tues 21</b>	7.15pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Hall

## Services on Sunday, 15 April

**St. Edmund's:** **9.30am BCP Holy Communion:** Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares  
**11.10am Holy Communion:** Revd Trevor Reader

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



## Sunday, 8 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 8 April (Easter 2) St Edmund's

**9.30am Morning Service** Leader/Preacher: John Beavan  
 Bible readings: Acts 4:32-35 and John 20:19-31

### Holy Rood

#### 9.30am All in Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Beth Yeandle  
 Bible reading: Luke 5:1-11

#### 6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
 'On the Road to Emmaus' Bible Reading: Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday 12 April, 10.30am, Holy Communion**, in the foster Room, led by Revd Colin Prestidge and Karen Wainright

**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, 8 April



**ANNUAL MEETING AND CREAM TEA.** Our Annual Meeting is on Sunday April 22nd at 4:30pm. Do prayerfully consider whether you, or someone you know, has the skills and giftings to become a member of our Church Council. We start the afternoon with a cream tea at 3:30pm and everyone from our various congregations are welcome. Do look on our Hub  [croftonparish.org.uk/hub](http://croftonparish.org.uk/hub) to see the report on last year in the parish, how to be nominated for the Church Council and to sign up for the Cream Tea.

There have been a couple of reports of error message when signing up for the tea, but that trying again works, so please do persist! If you have had difficulty please contact Simon Swindells to help improve it [simon@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:simon@croftonparish.org.uk)



**CHECKING THE ELECTORAL ROLL.** The parish Electoral Roll is now closed to new additions until after the Annual Meeting. A copy of the Roll, including the recent updates, is on display in each church until Monday 16th April. If you expect to be included, do check your entry on the Electoral Roll is correct. This is particularly important if this is your first year on the Roll. If there are any errors please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Mike Terry by email [miketerry100@gmail.com](mailto:miketerry100@gmail.com) or leave a note in the office.



**CROFTON HUB.** We've extended our website to have a section that gives you quick access to the Welcome Sheet, sermons and other information you'll find useful. It's at [croftonparish.org.uk/hub](http://croftonparish.org.uk/hub). The hub is helpful on laptops and PCs, but it is designed to be used on smartphones and other mobile devices. It can be installed as an 'App' on your phone to give you one click access to the information. Use your web browser to look at the hub and open the "Crofton Hub" card to find out more and how to install the App. You could save paper by looking at the Welcome Sheet on your phone!



**FOCOC AGM** is at St Edmunds, Saturday April 14th. Doors open at 10am with the meeting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome, but only FOCOC members are eligible to vote. It's a great opportunity to find out more about the Friends of Crofton Old Church at work and play. Coffee will be available after the meeting.

**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](mailto: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.

**2ND STUBBINGTON (Holy Rood) SCOUT GROUP** have been chosen by the Co-op as one of their community causes this year and we are hoping that Holy Rood members with a Co-op card would be able to help us by changing their charity preference to us. This will help us raise money for our new heating system. We are also still looking for adult helpers and leaders for all sections. For further info see Brian or Heather Graham.

**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. Thank you.

**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.

**PARKING REMINDER.** Please only use the disabled bays if you are a badge holder, and if you park on the road outside the church do not block our neighbours' drives.

**If you give financially to the ministry of the church through the Sunday offering** please use the envelopes in the pews and fill in the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer—the church receives an extra 25% on your gift at no cost to you, which makes a huge difference to the church's income. If you have any questions about finance, or would like to ask about setting up a standing order for your giving, please speak to Jane Dilloway or email [treasuryteam@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:treasuryteam@croftonparish.org.uk)

**PARENTS, some Sunday morning groups are changing location in April.** Please see the flyer for more details.

### *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 Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham. Clergy, Revd Sally Davenport and the staff team. They give thanks for all who have served on the PCC and for all supporting them through the vacancy. They ask for prayer for their Alpha Course due to start in April, a good response to their advert for a team colleague and wisdom to reach out to the homeless.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for the residents of Kingsmead Avenue, Seamead, Sea Lane, Crofton Avenue, Glenthorne Close and Jersey Close.

**Please send any prayer requests to the church office**  
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