



# Crofton Parish Diary

## May

Mon 21	7.15pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Main Hall
Wed 23	9.45am	<b>CAFÉ</b> , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Thurs 24	8-10pm	<b>Men's Pub Night</b>	Crofton Pub
Fri 25		<b>No Flame after school youth group</b>	
Sat 26	7.30am	<b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b>	Beech Room
Thurs 31	6.30-7.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>	Beech Room

## June

Fri 1		<b>No Flame after school youth group</b> (back Fri 8th)	
Sun 3	11am	<b>Fair Trade Stall</b> (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Main hall
Tues 5	2pm	<b>Mothers' Union meeting</b> , with speaker Martin Granger	Main Hall
Tues 5	7.30pm	<b>Parish Prayer Evening</b> , all welcome	Main Hall
Wed 6	10.30am	<b>Daytime Pastorate</b> , with Revd Colin Prestidge speaking on 'Jesus is the Life' Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
Wed 6	7-8.30pm	<b>Fareham Borough Council CAT Meeting</b>	Holy Rood Church
Fri 8	3.30-5pm	<b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 8	7.30-9.30pm	<b>FAST youth group</b> for school years 10-13	Centre
Fri 8 - Sun 10		<b>Flower Festival</b> open 10.30am - 5pm	St Edmunds Church
Sat 9	7.30am	<b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b>	Beech Room
Tues 12	2-3.30pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Main hall
Wed 13	9.30am	<b>Fair Trade stall</b> during Wednesday Café	Oak Room
Mon 18	10am-12pm	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	Lychgate Green
Sat 30		<b>Ordination of Dan &amp; Jude Greenfield</b> , Cathedral open from 10am for the ordination of Deacons with the service at 11am	Portsmouth Cathedral

## Services on Sunday, 27 May

**St. Edmund's: 9.30am: Morning Service:** Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks

**Holy Rood: 9.30am: All in Morning Praise:** Leader: Sarah Donaghy Preacher: Revd Richard England  
**6.30pm: Ascent Holy Communion:** Leader Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Ruth Williams



## Sunday, 20 May

**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 20 May (Pentecost)**  
**St Edmund's**

**9.30 am: BCP Holy Communion**

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Bible readings: Acts 2:1-11 & John 14:15-31a

**11.10am Holy Communion**

Leader: Erica Wilkie Preacher: Revd Richard England  
**The Cause 5 'The Renewing Spirit'** Bible reading: Acts 2:1-4 & 14-21

**Holy Rood**

**9.30am Morning Praise**

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England  
**The Cause 5 'The Renewing Spirit'** Bible reading: Acts 2:1-4 & 14-21

**6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise**

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Archdeacon Gavin Collins  
**Enoch 'Walk with God'** Bible Reading: Genesis 5:18-24

**Thursday 24 May, 10.30am, Holy Communion**, in the Foster Room  
Led by Karen Wainwright and 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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**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, 20 May

### Ordination of Dan and Jude Greenfield

Please join our new Curates, Dan and Jude Greenfield, and share in the celebration of ministry as they are Ordained at Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday 30 June. The Cathedral will open at 10.00am for the ordination of deacons, with the service at 11.00am. As there is no designated disabled parking, and parking around the Cathedral is limited and time-restricted, it is recommended that people use the Portsmouth Park and Ride service to Gunwharf Quays, with a five minute walk to the Cathedral. Those interested in attending are asked to register either on the hub  or on the sign up list in the foyer, by Sunday 3 June.

### 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).



**Our New Daytime Home Group with Creche** is now meeting weekly in the church on Fridays 9.30-11.30am with refreshments served throughout. This is a group that aims to encourage carers of young children for whom Sunday morning at church can be more frantic and tiring than fellowship and teaching. We have a cuppa and a chat and will be studying the Bible together. If you would also like to help with this venture please contact Heather or Charlotte at [childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk)

**THE HAMMOND MEMORIAL HALL TRUST** is a charity registered in 1971 from the proceeds of the sale of the former Hammond Hall, Stubbington. Funds are distributed by way of grants to Charitable Associations, Bodies and Organisations for recreational purposes for social welfare and improving the life of inhabitants in the Stubbington and Hill Head area. If your organisation is not for profit and helps residents in the area of benefit, you may apply for a grant from the Trust by emailing [hammondmemorialtrust@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hammondmemorialtrust@yahoo.co.uk) or via the website [www.hammondmemorialhalltrust.btck.co.uk](http://www.hammondmemorialhalltrust.btck.co.uk)

**The Very Reverend David Brindley, Dean of Portsmouth** is retiring and all are welcome at his final service on 10 June, 6pm in the Cathedral. If you wish to contribute to a farewell gift to David in acknowledgement of his substantial contribution to our life and ministry in the diocese these can be made by cheque or directly into the Cathedral's bank account (for payment details please see letter on the notice board). If you are planning to attend David's last service please would you email Liz Snowball, the Dean's PA on [Liz.Snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk](mailto:Liz.Snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk)

**OBERAMMERGAU 2020.** Canon Peter Hall, vicar of Crookhorn, is leading an 8-day holiday with McCabe Pilgrimages, to the Austrian Tyrol, which includes a performance of the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Holiday Dates 19-26 August 2020. For more information or a brochure please contact Peter: [vicar@cogs.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cogs.org.uk) or 02392251520.

### MUSICAL YOUTH



Calling all young people who can play an instrument. The Youth band are looking for new members, so if you can play at grade 3 level in any instrument or would like to learn to play Bass guitar, please contact Carolyn at [carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk)

**CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS** We have our next open event for Flame Youth Group on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Please come and join in the fun from 3.15pm to 5pm, with games, food, discussions and loads more.

**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.

### MOTHERS' UNION—WHO ARE WE?

Take a look at our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kERCG7y52mc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kERCG7y52mc) and see the history and impact of the work of the Mothers' Union, along with the ambitious targets we want to reach by 2021. For more information on our local branch please speak to Anne Bebbington.

### Please pray for .....

- **John**, Please pray for John as he starts the process for stem cell transplant, for a successful outcome over the next couple of months and peace for Christine and the family.
- **Sarah**, Please pray that a date can be fixed for surgery asap. Pray also for pain relief and sleep. Sarah is thankful for continued prayer support.
- **Frank and Sandra**, in pain and struggling.
- **Graham**, on mission with Europe2Europe during May and June. For full details, see email on notice board.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today all parishes in our Deanery will be praying for us at Holy Rood and St Edmund's, for Richard and the staff team and for the whole life and witness of our churches. We give thanks for our Family Fun afternoons, seeing many new families coming into the church through them. We value prayers for our new PCC and for Dan and Jude Greenfield arriving soon with their young daughter for their ordination and the start of their time as our Curates.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for the residents of Boyd Close, Robinson Road, Casper John Close, Invincible Road, Illustrious Road, Bulwark Road, Monks Way, Seafield Park Road, Pilgrims Way and Salterns Road.

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

We are delighted to share the great news that Toby has dramatically turned a corner after much prayer! Sleep has returned and doctors in Great Ormond Street are delighted with his progress. We are so thankful to everyone who has supported us and prayed for us. Toby will continue to visit Great Ormond Street but we are so relieved to know chemotherapy will not be necessary. Tom and Jess.

### 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)