



Crofton Parish Diary

May

Sun 6	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Main Hall
Tues 8	1.45pm	Stroll and cuppa , Ladies walk from the Rotary Hut (or The Shack at 2pm) to Lee and back.	Beach
Tues 8	11am-5pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Day out to Stanstead Park. Meet in Holy Rood car park at 11am.	Stanstead Park
Wed 9	9.45am	CAFE - coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Fri 11	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 11	7.30-9.30pm	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
Sat 12	7.30pm	St Edmund's Singers , admission free with donations to the upkeep of St Edmunds Church.	Main Hall
Wed 16	9.30am	Fair Trade Stall during Wednesday Café	Oak Room
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
Mon 21	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Main Hall
Thurs 24	8-10pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Thurs 31	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Beech Room

June

Tues 5	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting , with speaker Martin Granger	Main Hall
Wed 6	10.30am	Daytime Pastorate , with Revd Colin Prestidge speaking on ' <i>Jesus is the Life</i> ' Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
Fri 8 - Sun 10		Flower Festival open 10.30am - 5pm	St Edmunds Church

Services on Sunday, 13 May

St. Edmund's: 9.30am: Morning Service Leader/Preacher: John Beavan
Holy Rood: 9.30am: Holy Communion Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England
6.30pm: Ascent Prayer and Praise Leader: Archdeacon Gavin Collins
 Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge



Sunday, 6 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 6 May (Easter 6)

St Edmund's

8am: BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
 Bible readings: James 1:22-end and John 16:23b-end

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Beth Yeandle
The Cause 3: 'The King's Kingdom' Bible readings: Mark 1:14-15 and Luke 4:14-21

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise with Adult Baptism

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle
The Cause 3: 'The King's Kingdom' Bible readings: Mark 1:14-15 and Luke 4:14-21

6.30pm Causeway

A service especially for adults with learning disabilities, but everyone is welcome

Thursday 10 May, 10.30am, Holy Communion, in the Foster Room, Led by Revd Richard England

Thursday 10 May, 7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

St Edmund's Church, 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, 6 May



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. If you can help, we would be most grateful - small individual cakes only please and NOTHING WITH ANY NUTS.** Please bring cakes to the office or leave in the kitchen at the end of this week. Please complete an allergens checklist (on the table at the back of the church or available from the church office) and hand in with your cakes. Thank you.

 **2020 VISION** 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. We especially need 2 to 3 people for the 5th Sunday of the month (2-3 times per year). Contact Gill Nolan, occadmin@croftonparish.org.uk, if you can help.



THE FAIR TRADE STALL IS TODAY at Holy Rood in the hall after the 9.30am service. Stock up on your Fair Trade items such as coffee, tea, dried fruit, cookies, chocolate and much more.

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

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 or 02392251520.

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.

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

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).

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



Please pray for

- **John**, Please pray for John as he starts the process for stem cell transplant on Tues 8th, for a successful outcome over the next couple of months and peace for Christine and the family.
- **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.
- **Toby**, Please pray for continued healing and improved sleep.
- **Frank and Sandra**, in pain and struggling.
- 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 Peter & Paul and St Francis, Fareham. Clergy: Fr Roger Jackson and Wardens. They give thanks for Joy and new life of their Easter worship and the privilege of sharing their pilgrimage of faith together. Please pray for their new PCC and for the success of their Leading your Church into Growth programme.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** We pray for residential and Nursing Homes and those with long term illness living in their own homes. Give thanks for all carers.

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

PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH

The May **Youth Prayer Newsletter** has been sent out via email this week. If you didn't receive it but would like to be on the mailing list, please email Carolyn at carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk

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.