



Crofton Parish Diary

AUGUST

Today	6.30pm	Summer Study Series looking at the book of Acts	Hall
Tues 14	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Sat 18	10am-12pm	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	Lychgate Green
Sun 19	6.30pm	Summer Study Series looking at the book of Acts	Hall
Thurs 23	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Sat 25	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting & every 2nd & 4th Sat	Beech Room
Sun 26	6.30pm	Summer Study Series looking at the book of Acts	Hall

SEPTEMBER

Tues 4	2pm	Mothers' Union meeting	Hall
Tues 4	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening , all welcome	Hall
Wed 5	10.30am	Daytime Pastorate , Coffee served from 9.45am.	Oak Room
Sat 8	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting & every 2nd & 4th Sat	Beech Room
Tues 11	11am-5pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Fri 14	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 14	7.30-9.30pm	FAST youth group for school years 10-13	Centre
Tues 18	10am-12pm	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	Lychgate Green
Thurs 27	6.30-7.30pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Beech Room
Thurs 27	8-10pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

Services on Sunday, 19 August

St. Edmund's: 9.30am BCP Holy Communion: Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England
 11.10am Holy Communion: Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Jim Palmer
Holy Rood: 9.30am All in Morning Praise: Leader/Preacher: Beth Yeandle
 No 6.30pm Service



Sunday, 12 August

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 12 August (Trinity 11)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks
 Bible readings: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 and John 6:35, 41-51

Holy Rood

9.30am All in Holy Communion
 Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England
 'The Divine Romance' Bible reading: Revelation 19:5-9

Thursday 16 August, 10.30am, Holy 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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Vicar: Revd Richard England **Assistant Minister:** Revd Colin Prestidge **Curates:** Dan & Jude Greenfield
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, 12 August



Come and join us this Summer
Sundays from 29 July



9.30am, Holy Rood Church, **Once Upon a Time**, The Story at the heart of all stories.

Once Upon a Time on 19 August we'll be looking at **The Hobbit**. Hobbits, elves, dwarves, so many characters to choose from. Start searching through that dressing up box and get involved.

Meanwhile our Summer Study Series continues looking at the book of **Acts**, the story of the first followers of Jesus, 6.30pm in the Parish Centre Hall. Pick up a flyer at the back of the church.

Causeway will continue as usual during the holidays, with the next service on 2 September.

Parish Manager Appointment The PCC are delighted to announce that, after a successful appointments process, **Vicki Edwards** has accepted the invitation to become Parish Manager of Crofton Parish. Two strong candidates were invited to interview, but the appointments team were unanimous in their decision that Vicki was the best candidate for the role. Vicki is currently Business Manager of the Anne Dale School Federation and brings with her a wide range of management experience. She worships at Holy Rood Church and will make a welcome addition to the Parish staff team. Vicki expects to take up her role after the autumn half-term. Thank you for your prayerful support during this process. Everyone involved has been encouraged by the sense of the Holy Spirit's leading through this process and we are looking forward to Vicki starting and all she will bring to the Parish in the next season.

After many faithful years of arranging the distribution of the **Churches Together Parish Christmas Cards**, Beryl Harris is stepping down. We would like to thank Beryl for her years of dedication and now ask for a willing volunteer to take over the role. Beryl will gladly guide our new volunteer through the process. Please contact the church office for further details.

SUNDAY COFFEE AT HOLY ROOD



Thank you to those who have offered to prepare and serve coffee today at Holy Rood. However, we are still looking for two or three people to join the **5th Sunday coffee team** who are on duty four times a year, the next one being **30 September**. Full training given. Please contact Gill Nolan (occadmin@croftonparish.org.uk)

Help Needed



We need people to join our wonderful creche team, offering support to families with young children. We need people who are good **listeners** as much as those who would love to cuddle babies or **play** with train sets. We also need people willing to **help** set-up and clear-down the creche area. Training would be provided and you would be part of a supportive team. To find out more contact Heather Brown through the church office or via email childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk



Help Needed Soul Survivor Prep

We are taking a group of young people to Soul Survivor on 24th August and would appreciate a little help in the run up to the event. **Sunday 19th August** — If anyone can spare a few minutes to help move the Soul Survivor gear from the Youth Office to the old Creche please head up to the Youth office after the 9.30am service.

Also, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes to help feed our every hungry teens whilst away. If you are able to make a tray bake or small cakes (no nuts), please drop them into the church from 21st August until Thursday 23rd Aug (up to 7pm).

Thank you for any help you can give.

We are already taking Church Centre bookings for next year, so please will



regular users of the Church Centre let the office have 2019 dates as soon as possible by email to holyroodcentrebookings@googlemail.com

Do you want to Serve God in a practical way?

I am looking for more volunteers to help make cakes for our young people's groups once a month. They only need to be simple cakes. Our young people really appreciate the generosity of our cake makers. If you can help please contact Carolyn Terry at carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk

Please pray for

- **John**, Stem cells successfully harvested but transplant postponed until September to allow two more cycles of chemotherapy. John and the family appreciate your continued prayers.
- **Sarah**, Now home following surgery. Please pray for pain relief and healing in preparation of further surgery. Sarah is thankful for continued prayer and welcomes visitors.
- **Richard**, in Southampton General Hospital for the foreseeable future as he undergoes treatment for Myeloma. Please pray for further improvements in his condition and also for the rest of the family at this time. Visitors would be welcome.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer**. Today all parishes in our Deanery will be praying for the parish of St Pauls, Sarisbury; Clergy Sandy Matheson and Philippa Mills and the staff team. They give thanks for growth of their Tea service and their new extension, now in use. They value prayer for further growth of their Tea Service; for rest, refreshment and new vision over the summer break and for God to provide for the financial needs of their growing church community.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer**. We pray for the residents of Knights Bank Road, Haven Crescent, Little Gays, Great Gays, Crabthorne Farm Lane, Pembroke Crescent, Solent Road and Short Road.

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

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