



Crofton Parish Diary

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 27	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thurs 27	8-10pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Fri 28	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre

OCTOBER

Tues 2	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting Speakers: Dan & Jude Greenfield	Hall
Tues 2	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening, all welcome	Hall
Wed 3	10.30am	Daytime Pastorate, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Fri 5	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 6	2-3:30pm	CK Family Fun Harvest Special	HR Church & Centre
Sat 6	7.30pm	U3A Choir Concert	Holy Rood
Sun 7	9:30am	Harvest & Gift Day	Holy Rood
Sun 7	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Sun 7	11:10am	Harvest & Gift Day	St Edmund's
Tues 9	2-3:30pm	Cup of Tea and Company, Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Fri 12	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Fri 12	7.30-9.30pm	FAST youth group for school years 10-13	Centre
Sat 13	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting & every 2nd & 4th Sat	Beech Room
Sat 13	9.30-11am	Homegroup Leaders' meeting	Oak Room
Sun 14	9:30am	Harvest & Gift Day	St Edmund's
Wed 17	9:30am	Fair Trade stall during Wednesday Café	Oak Room
Thurs 18	10am-12pm	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	Lychgate Green
Thurs 18	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Sat 20	7.30pm	FOCOC Harvest Supper	Hall
Sun 21	3pm	Memorial Service & Tea	Church/Hall

Services on Sunday 30 September

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Common Worship Holy Communion: Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise: Leader: Revd Richard England Guest Preacher: Peterson Feital

6.30pm Ascent Prayer and Praise: Leader: Revd Richard England Guest Preacher: Peterson Feital



Sunday 23 September

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 23 September (Trinity 17)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Kings Cross 3: The Healing Bible readings: James 3:13-4:3,7,8; Mark 2:1-12

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

Kings Cross 3: The Healing Bible reading: Mark 2:1-12

6.30pm Ascent Holy Communion

Leaders: Beth Yeandle/Revd Richard England Preacher: Ruth Williams

David's Confession Bible reading: Psalm 51

Thursday 27 September, 10.30am, Holy Communion, in the Foster Room

Leader: Revd Beryl Stares Preacher: Jim Palmer

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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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, 23 September

Kings Cross—the story of the world in the life of Jesus. To support this term's sermon series, we still have a few copies of the 'Kings Cross' book by Timothy Keller available for sale at £7 per copy. You can buy/order these after services or from the Parish Office during the week—and you can now pay by card!



Parentalk Teenagers The course that was due to start this week has been postponed until the early part of the New Year. If you would like more information about the course, please contact Carolyn at carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk



FAMILY FUN HARVEST SPECIAL on Saturday 6th October, 2pm-3:30pm for families with children up to the age of 11 to have fun and learn together. Sports Zone, Adventure Zone, Build Zone, Tech Zone, Glamour Zone, Baby Zone, Prayer Zone, Harvest Craft, Autumn Hunt, Den Building, Welly Whanging and a cafe - ending with a fun Family Worship time. £3 per family including refreshments. **Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods for the Basics Bank.** All donations gratefully received. Once again, **lots of cakes will be needed—small individual cakes only please and NOTHING WITH ANY NUTS.** If you can help, we would be most grateful. Please complete an allergens checklist (on the tables at the back of the church or available from the church office) and hand in with your cakes to the kitchen or office at the end of next week. Thank you.

HARVEST SERVICES will be on **Sunday 7th October, 9:30 at Holy Rood and 11:10 at St Edmund's** and on **Sunday 14th October, 9:30am at St Edmund's.** Gifts of non-perishable foods for the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank will be welcome. Harvest Sundays are also our 2018 Gift Days— please see separate flyer for more details.



Stubbington U3A choir is giving a concert at Holy Rood Church on Saturday 6th October, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £7.50 each are available from Holy Rood office or on the door. The choir will sing well-loved songs by Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, the Beatles and others. Concert in aid of Holy Rood Church funds.

Free to Be: an event for Christian women run by Care for the Family in partnership with Spring Harvest. Speakers: Cathy Madavan & Bekah Legg. **Thursday 11th October, 7:30-10pm at City Life Church, Portsmouth.** Tickets £6 each. Book online cff.org.uk/freetobe or phone 029 2081 0800.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUPS

Due to increased numbers in some of our groups, more people are needed to help with Scramblers (3-4-year olds) and Climbers (4-7 year olds). For more details, please contact Gill Nolan or Heather Brown at childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk



Children/Young People Registration

Due to the introduction of GDPR, our registration forms have had to be updated so everyone needs to complete a new form this year.

PARENTS, if you have not yet completed a new registration form, please accompany your child/ren when they go out to their groups today. Thank you.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 3

1. What struck you as you read the chapter/ listened to the talk? Was there anything you didn't agree with or didn't understand?
2. The Healing of the Paralysed Man is one of the most well-known Gospel stories. What does the story tell us about Jesus?
3. What experiences have you (or someone you know well) had of receiving Jesus' forgiveness or healing? Does this story bring anyone to mind that you need to pray for at the moment?

For extra credit/Bible ninjas: 'What is the answer to Jesus question in V9?'

The PCC wish to appoint a SENIORS TEAM LEAD.

This exciting new part-time (15 hours a week) position is being created to work alongside our existing groups and develop our pastoral care, mission and ministry towards this generation.

To find out more, download the job description and covering letter from the website at www.croftonparish.org.uk.

You can apply for this post by sending your CV and a covering letter, explaining why you feel you might be a suitable candidate, via email to

vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk

The closing date for applications is midday, Friday 12th October.

Please pray for

- **Ann and family.** Pray that they would continue to know God's peace and comfort as they mourn the loss of Richard.
- **John.** Please continue to pray for healing and peace for John's family, as well as for patience as he continues the process of treatment.
- **Sarah.** Give thanks that surgery was successful and pray for pain relief as she starts the long road to recovery. Sarah thanks everyone for their prayers and would welcome visitors, afternoons and evenings. Please call ahead.
- **Valerie** as she recovers from a successful brain operation.
- **Graham,** on mission in Romania for two weeks, working with disadvantaged and disabled young people in Centres for Social Development and meeting with leaders in the Justice, Health and NGO sectors.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today we pray for the Parish of St Peter & Paul and St Francis, Clergy: Fr Roger Jackson, Churchwardens: Canon Margaret Chappell; Mrs Christine Allen. They give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Bishop Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough, who is celebrating and preaching today. They ask us to pray for their developing relationships with the schools across the parish and for the forthcoming Richborough Eucharistic Conference and all attending.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** Today we pray for the residents of Eric Road, Martin Avenue, Fay Close and Francis Place.

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

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

For many years we have run a lunch on Christmas Day for those who have nowhere else to go. This year we will need a new team to run this important ministry. If you feel that you would like to help out in the kitchen or at front of house, please contact the office. Full support will be given by those who have done this in the past.

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.