



# Crofton Parish Diary

## OCTOBER

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| Sun 7    | 11am        | <b>Fair Trade Stall</b> (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)      | Hall           |
| Tues 9   | 2-3:30pm    | <b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship      | Hall           |
| Fri 12   | 3.30-5pm    | <b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10             | Centre         |
| Fri 12   | 7.30-9.30pm | <b>FAST youth group</b> for school years 10-13                          | Centre         |
| Sat 13   | 7.30am      | <b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b> | Beech Room     |
| Sat 13   | 9.30-11am   | <b>Homegroup Leaders' meeting</b>                                       | Oak Room       |
| Sun 14   | 9:30am      | <b>Harvest &amp; Gift Day</b>   | St Edmund's    |
| Wed 17   | 9:30am      | <b>Fair Trade stall</b> during Wednesday Café                           | Oak Room       |
| Thurs 18 | 10am-12noon | <b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>                              | Lychgate Green |
| Thurs 18 | 7.30pm      | <b>PCC Meeting</b>  | Hall           |
| Fri 19   | 3.30-5pm    | <b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10             | Centre         |
| Sat 20   | 7pm         | <b>FOCOC Harvest Supper</b> Tickets £9 available from Parish Office     | Hall           |
| Sun 21   | 3pm         | <b>Memorial Service &amp; Tea</b>                                       | Church/Hall    |
| Thurs 25 | 4-5pm       | <b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>                         | Oak Room       |
| Thurs 25 | 8-10pm      | <b>Men's Pub Night</b>  | Crofton Pub    |
| Sat 27   | 7.30am      | <b>Men's early morning prayer meeting &amp; every 2nd &amp; 4th Sat</b> | Beech Room     |

## NOVEMBER

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| Sat 3  | 11am-2pm | <b>Café</b> run by the young people—hot/cold drinks and cakes; lunches (soup/roll, hotdogs) served from 12noon.                | Hall     |
| Sun 4  | 11am     | <b>Fair Trade Stall</b> (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)   | Hall     |
| Tues 6 | 2pm      | <b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b> 127th Anniversary Service  | Hall     |
| Tues 6 | 7.30pm   | <b>Parish Prayer Evening</b> , all welcome   | Hall     |
| Wed 7  | 10.30am  | <b>Day Time Pastorate</b> , speaker, Karen Wainwright on 'Isaiah: A suffering servant'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am | Oak Room |

## Services on Sunday 14 October

**St. Edmund's: 9.30am Harvest Festival Service** Leader: Gary Willcocks Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

**Holy Rood: 9.30am Holy Communion** Leader: Beth Yeandle/Revd Richard England  
Preacher: Revd Richard England

**6.30pm Prayer & Praise** Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares



## Sunday 7 October

**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 7 October** (Trinity 19)

### St Edmund's

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

Bible readings: Ephesians 4: 17-32; Matthew 9:1-8

**11.10am Harvest Holy Communion**

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield

Bible readings: Ezra 1:1-3; Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 43-46; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

### Holy Rood

**9.30am Harvest All Age Service**

Leader: Revd Richard England/Sarah Donaghy Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield

Bible readings: Ezra 1:1-3; Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 43-46

**6.30pm Causeway**

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

**Thursday 11 October, 10.30am, Holy Communion**, in the Foster Room

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Jim Palmer

**TODAY is our 2018 GIFT DAY at Holy Rood and St Edmund's 11:10**

(next Sunday at St Edmund's 9:30). There will be an opportunity during each service to return your pledge form and make your donation.



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**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, 7 October

**HARVEST SERVICES** today at Holy Rood and 11:10 at St Edmund's and next Sunday, 14 October, 9:30am at St Edmund's.

In keeping with the traditional Harvest Festival at St Edmunds, if anyone has some fresh produce they are welcome to bring it to the service next week.

After the service people will be able to purchase it and the money raised will go to the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank along with the non-perishable donations.

**Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the Basics Bank today.**

Please remember that we have regular collections of food and toiletries for the Food Bank on the 1st Sunday of the month at Holy Rood, and on 1st and 2nd Sundays at St Edmund's. All donated food helps local families who are struggling under difficult circumstances.



John Guest has donated some wonderful mounted photographs, some taken locally, some in the Galapagos. These are available after the service today and in the office during the week. All money raised will go to the Gift Day.

**FOCOC HARVEST SUPPER** is on **Saturday 20 October** at the Parish Centre, Holy Rood.

Starting at 7.00pm, tickets cost £9.00 and are available at the Parish Office, Holy Rood or from Peter Gladwell. Ticket price includes a meal and tea or coffee. Glasses are available should you want to bring your own alcoholic or soft drinks. Everyone is welcome.

**FREE TO BE: an event for Christian women** run by Care for the Family in partnership with Spring Harvest. **Thursday 11 October, 7:30-10pm at City Life Church, Portsmouth.** Speakers: Cathy Madavan & Bekah Legg. Tickets £6. Book online [cff.org.uk/freetobe](http://cff.org.uk/freetobe), phone 029 2081 0800.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE, Sunday 21 October, 3pm at Holy Rood Church**

This gentle, sensitive service is for anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or a while ago. There will be opportunity to light a candle for your loved one if you wish, and tea is served afterwards in the church centre. No need to book, just come along.

**Cakes are needed to serve at the tea afterwards**—please leave in the kitchen in a clearly labelled tin on the morning of Sunday 21 October and complete an allergens slip.

**RECORDING SERVICES** If anyone has any 4GB or 8GB SD cards that are no longer needed, the sound desk would be grateful to receive them. Please give to the PA operator or Jim Nolan.

**CEDAR OAK**, a local Christian counselling charity supporting those who have experienced baby loss or an unintended pregnancy are looking for an additional female team member to support the running of their office based in Gosport for the equivalent of one day a week. CedarOak are one of Crofton Parish's mission partners, all the team members give their time and talents voluntarily and must be DBS checked. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry please speak to Sue Elgie, chair of trustees, or email [chairoftrustees@cedarOak.org.uk](mailto:chairoftrustees@cedarOak.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUPS** Due to increased numbers in some of our groups, more people are needed to help with Scramblers (3-4year olds) and Climbers (4-7 year olds), ideally once a month but occasional helpers would also be welcome. For more details, please contact Gill Nolan or Heather Brown at [childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk)



## King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 4—The Rest

*These are the questions relating to last week's sermon*

1. What struck you about what you heard/read? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. On Sunday, we described Law vs Grace as 'I obey, therefore I'm accepted' vs 'I'm accepted, therefore I obey.' Which of these phrases do you most relate to? Why?
3. Do you have a regular day of rest? How do you use that day to be restored and recreated? If not, what changes could you make to allow you and your household to have one?

## 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](http://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](mailto:vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk)

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

## Please pray for .....

- **John**, as he awaits admission to hospital for stem cell transplant. Please continue to pray for healing and peace for John's family.
- **Sarah**, still far from well with post op infection. Pray for healing and the Holy Spirit's peace on both Sarah and Andrew as they try to cope with it all. Visitors welcome afternoons and evenings.
- **Valerie**, as she continues her recovery from a successful brain operation.
- **Joan**, still poorly at home.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for us in Crofton Parish at Holy Rood and St Edmunds. We give thanks for the appointment of our new Parish manager, Vicki Edwards, who will start work at the end of October, and pray that she will settle quickly into the role. We also pray for the appointment of our part time Seniors Team leader and for the upcoming Memorial service on 21 October.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** Today we pray for the local support groups and leisure groups, and give thanks for all the volunteers in our community.

Please send any prayer requests to the church office [office@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto: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. **We now have a core team of new volunteers to run this important ministry this year.** However, more helpers are needed, so 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.

**GARDNER NEEDED** for a couple of hours a week to mow the lawn, cut hedges and generally keep things tidy. Contact Peggy on 01329 663879.

If you can help with some **CHURCH GARDENING WORK** on Tuesday 16 October, please contact Richard Craigie.