



Crofton Parish Diary

NOVEMBER

Thurs 22	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Fri 23	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 24	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting (every 2nd & 4th Sat)	Beech Room
Sat 24	10am	FOCOC Yuletide Fayre entrance fee 30p	Centre
Sun 25	11am	Welcome Event for anyone who has joined the church in the last 6 months or so	Oak Room
Mon 26	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Tues 27	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	Oak Room
Thurs 29	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room

DECEMBER

Sun 2	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tues 4	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening , all welcome	Hall
Wed 5	2pm	Ladies' Stroll and Cuppa	The Shack
Thurs 6	6.30pm	Christingle Service	Holy Rood
Sat 8	7.30am	Men's early morning prayer meeting (every 2nd & 4th Sat)	Beech Room
Sat 8	10am-1pm	Live Nativity - meet the characters of the Christmas story and see the animals in the stable. Refreshments and Christmas craft	Holy Rood
Sat 8	4pm	Village Carol Service & Lights Switch-On	Stubbington Green
Tues 11	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 12	10.30am	Daytime Pastorate Carol Service , coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Sun 16	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Holy Rood
Thurs 20	8.30pm	Carols at the Crofton Pub	Crofton Pub
Sun 23	9.30am	Nativity from Scratch	Holy Rood
Sun 23	4pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Edmund's
Christmas Eve 4 & 6pm		Nativity Service	St Edmund's
Christmas Eve	11pm	Midnight Communion	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 25 November

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield



Sunday 18 November 2018

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 18 November (Trinity 25)

St Edmund's

9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang

Bible reading: Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 8:23-34

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares

Kings Cross 8: The Approach Bible reading: Mark 7:24-30

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise & Thanksgiving

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England

Kings Cross 8: The Approach Bible reading: Mark 7:24-30

6.30pm Ascent

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Paul's Prayer for the church Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Thursday 22 November, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield/Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

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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Curates: Revd Dan & Revd 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, 18 November

YOUTH CAFÉ Thank you for your support and generosity for the Youth Café & Cake Sale which took place on Saturday 3rd November. They raised £355.19.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR GOSPORT'S NEW VOLUNTEER SCHOOL PASTORS

Please support members of our congregation on Thursday 22nd November @ 7.00pm at the Gosport United Reformed Church, as they take on this important new role.

WELCOME We love to welcome new people to Holy Rood and St Edmund's and we want you to feel at home. To help us get to know you please visit the welcome table at Holy Rood after the 9.30am service, or speak to a minister or steward. There are welcome packs in both churches with information about services, groups, children's and youth work and much more. **Next Sunday, 25 November**, there will be a get together in the Oak Room after the 9.30am service for anyone who has joined the church in the last 6 months or so. We'd love to see you there.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH We will be holding our usual Christmas Day lunch in the centre this year. If you would like to sign up to come to the meal or know someone who would like to attend, please contact the office. We now have plenty of helpers for the kitchen and in the hall on the day, but are still looking for someone who might be able to play the piano for carol singing (1.30 to 2.30) and people to help with transport 12 noon pickup, 3.30pm to drop home. We would also appreciate donations of gifts for our guests - wrapped presents to the value of £5-£10 with no food or drink and labelled for a lady or a gentleman.

ALPHA We will be running an adult Alpha course in the spring term. It will be on **Wednesday evenings, starting on 16 January - and will run until 27 March**. If you would like to attend the course, please contact the office or complete the online form available on the Crofton Parish website. Please do pray about who you could invite. We will also be needing people to help out in various ways with the practical running arrangements, so if you think that you could help at all, please contact the office, complete the online form or speak to Beth.



STROLL, CHAT AND CUPPA

Ladies, the date for the next walk is **Wednesday 5 December**. We shall meet at The Shack at 2pm returning there by 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

BUGGIES AND BIBLES (daytime homegroup with creche) meets on **Friday mornings, 10-11:30am**, during term time at the back of the church. Refreshments served from 9.30am. If you are a (grand) parent or carer of young children you are very welcome to come with or without the children you look after. We have a cuppa and a chat and study the Bible together while the children play. Please contact Heather Brown at childrensadmin@croftonparish.org.uk for further information or to offer help with the creche.



TABLE TENNIS There are a couple of spaces in the Monday evening table tennis group, 6:15-7:15pm in the church hall. Cost £2 per session. Contact Jim or Gill Nolan or Mike or Mary White if you are interested.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 8 - The Approach

1. What struck you about what you heard/read? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. Jesus' response to the women's request seems at odds with our understanding of the God who welcomes all. What do you think is going on here?
3. The reading anticipates a day when the doors of the family home will be thrown open and all nations will be invited to the table. We live in that day. Think and pray about one or two people you know that you wish would respond to that invitation. You could also pray for our next Alpha course, starting in January.

CHRISTMAS BOXES



This year we are launching a new Christmas giving opportunity to support the work of Farm4Life, one of the missions we now support regularly run by Lloyd and Karen Clewer, two of our church members. Throughout Advent you will be invited to bring in items for our Christmas boxes: shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, liquid soap, 'vaseline', baby toiletries, disposable nappies, pens & pencils, Bibles, children's books, small bags of sweets, disposable razors, adult & child pants and baby clothes (not second hand).

Little Fish Toddler Group Team would like to warmly invite you to a session of wrapping and labelling gifts including the Nativity picture books and cards which will be given to all children and families in the group at the beginning of Advent. If you would like to show your care and support of the group in this simple way, please come along to the Oak Room at 10.30am on Monday 26th November.

Please pray for

- **John**, has had the stem cell transplant and is now at QA. Please pray that there are no side effects and that he remains infection free.
- **Sarah**, now back home. Pray for healing and the Holy Spirit's peace on both Sarah and Andrew as they try to cope with it all.
- **Jane & her family**, as they mourn the loss of her Aunt Bunty who passed away last week.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer**. Today we pray for the Parish of St Mary's, Portchester. Vicar: Ian Meredith; Reders: Carol Gay, Derek Johnson, Jan Fuller; Wardens: Hazel Powlesland, Tony Fuller. They ask for prayer for their various community events to remember the centenary of the end of the war; their Alpha course; a new parish administrator; their temporary move to a local school in January 2019; new wardens and treasurer from April 2019.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer**. This week we pray for the residents of Green Road, Marchesi Court, Scott Close, Herons Close & Foster Close.

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

SENIORS WORKER Please continue to pray about this important post. We will be re-advertising in the new year.

FOCOC YULETIDE FAYRE Saturday 24th November at the Parish Centre, Holy Rood from 10.00am to 12.00 midday. Admission is 30p on the door. With Homemade Cakes and Jams, Books, Jigsaws, Bric-a-brac and Christmas stall there is something for everyone. Or just come in for a cup of tea, a cake and a chat.

HMS COLLINGWOOD VOLUNTEER BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday 14th December at Holy Rood Church. Doors open at 7.00pm with the concert commencing at 7.30pm. Entry cost is £5 and includes a mince pie and tea or coffee. Tickets are available from the office.