



Crofton Parish Diary

DECEMBER

Sun 2	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 4	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening , all welcome	Hall
Wed 5	2pm	Ladies' Stroll and Cuppa	The Shack
Thu 6	6.30pm	Christingle Service - every child receives a Christingle. Bring a donation to help children through Spurgeon's Childcare UK.	Holy Rood
Fri 7	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10. Please note that this is the last session of the term.	Centre
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 crafts.	Holy Rood
Sat 8	4pm	Village Carol Service & Lights Switch-On - join our village community to sing carols around the tree.	Stubbington Green
Sun 9	6.30pm	Mission Partner Service - see flyer for more details	Holy Rood
Tue 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
Fri 14	7.30pm	HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band Christmas Concert	Holy Rood
Sun 16	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Holy Rood
Tue 18	10am-12	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Thu 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 Services	St Edmund's
Christmas Eve	11pm	Midnight Communion	Holy Rood
Christmas Day	8am	Christmas BCP Holy Communion	St Edmund's
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Day Family Celebration	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 9 December

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Revd Wing Man Tsang Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield
6.30pm Ascent Mission Partner Service Leader: Revd Richard England



Sunday 2 December 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 2 December (Advent 1)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares

Bible readings: Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-13

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Prophesying his Rule Bible reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Holy Rood

9.30am All Age Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Beth Yeandle

Prophesying his Rule Bible reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

6.30pm Causeway

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

Thursday 6 December, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares

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, 2 December

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD This year 5,000 of the Stubbington Churches Together Christmas cards have been distributed via a free local magazine. A big thank you to everyone who has helped deliver Christmas cards to those homes in Stubbington and Hill Head that do not receive a copy of the Big Voice. There are still a few roads left, so please check to see if you are able to help us get details of Christmas services to all our parishioners.



DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES We would be grateful for donations of mince pies with a suitable shelf life for the **Live Nativity next Saturday 8 December** and other upcoming events. Please deliver them to the office.

LIVE NATIVITY NEXT SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER This is a great event to invite friends and neighbours to. Journey through the church and meet the characters of the Christmas story, finishing at the stable where you can stroke the animals. Round off your visit with a cup of tea and mince pies with Christmas crafts also available.

CROFTON PARISH MISSION PARTNER SERVICE SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

We are holding a Mission Partner Service on Sunday 9th December at 6:30pm in Holy Rood for the Charities that our Parish supports across the St. Edmunds and Holy Rood congregations. This special service gives all our members an opportunity to find out more and gain a better understanding of each of the charities. We encourage everyone to come along.

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.

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.

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SOUL SURVIVOR 2019 Reminder to all those going to Soul Survivor 2019, that the early bird deposit of £50 needs to be paid by 14th December 2018. For more info contact Carolyn Terry.

HOUSEHOLD ADVENT

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Light up our darkness, so that those who are afraid may have peace,

that those who are suffering may have hope

and that we may shine as lights in the world.

Amen

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. **From today** you are 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).

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 and chocolate. There are a few packs of Christmas cards and boxes of Christmas biscuits still available.

Please pray for

- **John**, has had the stem cell transplant and is now at home. Please pray that there are no side effects and that he remains infection free.
- **Sarah**, pray for healing and the Holy Spirit's peace on both Sarah and Andrew as they try to cope with it all.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer**. Today we pray for the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul and St Francis, Fareham. Clergy: Fr Roger Jackson SSC; Retired: Fr Jamie Hartridge SSC; Churchwardens: Canon Margaret Chappell, Mrs Christine Allen. They ask for prayer that they will keep a faithful and holy Advent; for success of their Christmas Tree Festival; the witness and ministry of their children's Christmas Trail in the shopping centre; that their celebrations of the nativity of our Lord will draw others closer allowing the Christ into their life.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer**. This week we pray for all of the Christmas services, parties and events.

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

CHRISTINGLE MAKING We will be making up the Christingles in the Oak Room on **Wednesday 5th December from 10.30am** and would be grateful for any volunteers who would like to come along and help prepare for this popular Christmas Service.

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.

TRISH MOTT would like to say a big thank you to Holy Rood for being her spiritual home for over 30 years. It is the place where she was baptised and also where she gave her life to Christ. Trish is moving to start a new job in Tunbridge Wells on 10th December, which means having to leave her spiritual family in Stubbington. She is trusting in the Lord to carry her safely into the next phase of her life.



Mission Fayre

6.30pm, Sunday 9 December 2018

What is Mission Giving?

Each year in Crofton Parish we give away a proportion of our income towards external projects. We believe strongly in the principle of generosity and want to support what God is doing in the world.

In 2018, through our Mission Giving Scheme, we have given away £23,000.

We have a number of long-term partners that we support. In 2018, these were:

- Tearfund
- Open Doors
- Church Missionary Society, supporting Alan & Lex Hamilton in Cambodia
- Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East
- Europe to Europe.

We also have a fund to which organisations and individuals can apply for gifts of up to £1000. The Mission Giving Policy agreed by the PCC sets out the terms of this fund.

Finally, we have a small community chest to support other organisations in our community.

The Mission Fayre

Come and meet representatives of the organisations we have supported in 2018 and find out about the important work they do. As well as some of our long-term partners, other organisations and individuals that will be there include:

- Farm4Life
- Cedar Oak
- Barnabas Ministry of Encouragement
- Scripture Union
- School of Ministries
- Tears of Hope and others.

The Mission Fayre is at Holy Rood Church on Sun 9 December 2018, from 6.30pm.

Refreshments from 6pm.

