



Crofton Parish Diary

NOVEMBER

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
Fri 30	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre

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
Sun 9	6.30pm	Mission Partner Service	Holy Rood
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 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 All Age Service	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 2 December

St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares
11.10am Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Holy Rood: 9.30am All Age Service Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Beth Yeandle
6.30pm Causeway: A service especially for adults with learning disabilities, but everyone welcome



Sunday 25 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 25 November (Sunday before Advent)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Karen Wainwright
Kings Cross 9: The Turn Bible readings: Psalm 15; Mark 8:27-9:1

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
Kings Cross 9: The Turn Bible reading: Mark 8:27-9:1

6.30pm Ascent Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield
Heaven's Prayer Bible Reading: Revelation 19:1-10

Thursday 29 November, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield/Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude 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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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.

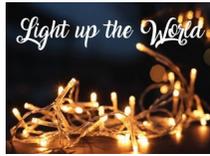
For information & prayer, 25 November

WELCOME EVENT—TODAY AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE AT HOLY ROOD

We love to welcome new people to Holy Rood and St Edmund's, and we want you to feel at home. Today there is 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 where we can meet one another and we can tell you more about life in Crofton Parish.

PCC MEETING MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER The PCC meet this Monday. They aim to come to a decision on next year's budget. Please pray for the meeting and that the PCC will discern God's plans for next year and how this is reflected in our budget.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD This year 5,000 of the Stubbington Churches Together Christmas cards have been distributed via a free local magazine. The remaining 1,500 are ready for delivery to those homes in Stubbington and Hill Head that do not receive a copy of the Big Voice. They are in road bundles in the foyer, please take what you can and help us to get details of Christmas services and events to all our parishioners.



DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES We would be grateful for donations of mince pies with a shelf life of after the 8th December. Please deliver them to the office from the 1st December onwards.

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.

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.

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King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 9 - The Turn

1. In today's society, who do people say Jesus is and what are the implications for us in terms of mission?
2. In what ways does Jesus challenge society's assumptions regarding his true identity?
3. In terms of our own identity, what attributes or characteristics do people most long for, for themselves?
4. What do people find most difficult in accepting Christ's invitation to 'turn' to him?

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 next Sunday, 2 December**, 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 tomorrow, Monday 26th November**.

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 St Mary's, Hook with Warsash. Clergy: Revds Mike & Nicky-Sue Terry, Revd George Gebauer, Revd Bill Day, Revd Roger Moseley; Readers: June Ward, Eva Upward; Wardens: Peter Upward, Roger Clear. They give thanks for joining in with Locks Heath St. John's Alpha course where they are seeing God's blessing for several from their church family; their successful fund-raising events to support their music ministry in memory of their late organist, Josephine Wylie, including a sponsored bicycle pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral by two members of the Staff Team; engagement with their community at various meaningful and well attended Armistice Day commemorations. They ask for prayer for wisdom for the next steps in developing their vision and mission as a church, particularly through revitalising their Growing Our Church (LYCIG) plans; guidance on the best way to raise money for the necessary church building and hall repairs.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer**. This week we pray for the residents of Morgans Drive, Windermere Avenue, Pembury Road, Sumar Close, Summerleigh Walk, Derwent Close, The Croft & Stroud Green Lane.

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.