



Crofton Parish Diary

JANUARY

Sun 6	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 8	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 9	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 9	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 9	10.20am	Daytime Pastorate	Oak Room
Wed 9	12 noon	Prayer Walk	Holy Rood
Thu 10	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 11	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Wed 16	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 16	9:30am	Fair Trade stall during Wednesday Café	Oak Room
Wed 16	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course , 1st session	Holy Rood
Fri 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Wed 23	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 23	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course , 2nd session	Holy Rood
Thu 24	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 24	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Wed 30	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 30	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course , 3rd session	Holy Rood
Thu 31	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room

Services on Sunday 30 December

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

Holy Rood: 9.30am All Age Morning Praise Leader: Jo Genter Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang

Please be aware there is no 6.30pm Ascent Service

Services on Sunday 6 January

St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

11.10am Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England

6.30pm Causeway A service especially for adults with learning disabilities, but everyone welcome



Sundays 23 & 30 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 23 December (Advent 4)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Bible readings: Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

4.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks

Holy Rood

9.30am All Age Scratch Nativity

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

Christmas Eve

4pm & 6pm Nativity Services at St Edmund's

Led by Gary Willcocks and Jan Edwards

11pm Midnight Holy Communion at Holy Rood

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

Christmas Day

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Edmund's

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

10am Family Celebration at Holy Rood

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England

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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, 23 & 30 December

CHRISTMAS AT CROFTON

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS is a traditional service that takes place at **St Edmund's** today, **Sunday 23 December at 4pm**. **St Edmund's** will also be hosting the popular **NATIVITY SERVICES** tomorrow, **Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December at 4 & 6pm**. **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**, starting at 11pm tomorrow, **Christmas Eve, at Holy Rood**. On **Christmas Day, BCP HOLY COMMUNION, 8am at St Edmund's** and a **FAMILY CELEBRATION, 10am at Holy Rood**.



COMING UP AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday 30 December, 9.30am - 'Finishing Well'

Calling all past, present and would be runners - please join us in wearing warm sports gear that you possess, used or unworn! Please don't worry - we won't be competing, but we will be thinking about running and how we end the year well.

Sunday 6 January, 9.30 at Holy Rood - 'Vision Sunday'

(13 January, 9.30 at St Edmund's & 20 January, 11:10 at St Edmund's)

We will be launching Vision 2019 and beginning a new teaching series 'Follow'.

Kids, to help us do this, **please bring a toy bear** to the 9.30 service at Holy Rood on Sunday 6 Jan.

Grown-ups, there will be a two-week Devotional available to help you start 2019 well.

Home group leaders, study materials are available from the Parish Office.

PRAYERWALKING

As part of Vision 2019, we will be prayerwalking within our Parish each week every Wednesday from 12noon, starting Wednesday 9 January. More details to follow. Please consider joining in.

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 - there are cards available in the pews or at the back of the church to hand out to your friends, families, neighbours...



VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS We are looking for some additional cleaners to join one of our two groups of hard-working volunteers who clean the church every other week. If you would like to be involved in this important activity then please contact the office to find out more.

HOLY ROOD MEMORIAL FLOWERS Would you like to remember a loved one's special anniversary with an arrangement of flowers? The Memorial Window is the 2nd on the left as you enter the Church, the shelf by the boiler room vestry is also used. The rota is being prepared for 2019 and there are dates available for new requests. If you would like more information or if you are already on the rota and wish to make any changes please contact **Beryl**. You can also leave a message with the office.

CROFTON PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS The office will be manned from 9am till 1pm on Monday 24th December and then closed until Wednesday 2nd January when it will reopen at 9.00am.

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

Thank you for all your



contributions of adult and baby toiletries, nappies, pants, baby clothes, pens and pencils, Bibles, children's books and small bags of sweets to support the work of Farm4Life, one of the missions we support regularly, run by Lloyd and Karen Clewer.

STUBBINGTON 10K We are looking for six volunteers to help give out water and bananas at the end of the Stubbington 10k on Sunday 13 January. Please contact Julia or Graham Maynard if you are able to help.

AGGIE WESTON'S has been a locally based Christian Charity since 1878 and offers pastoral support to serving members of the Royal Navy and their families. The charity has some exciting job opportunities for the right Christian person who may be seeking to explore new employment options. Details can be found at: <http://www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies/>

VIDA GODDARD We have received a Christmas card from Vida together with a letter describing her past year. There is a copy available to read at both churches if you would like to catch up on all of her news.

Please pray for

- **John**, John and Christine are so thankful for all of your thoughts and prayers. John is feeling much stronger and the initial test signs are encouraging. Please pray for continued progress in recovery and for John to remain infection free.
- **Sarah**, thanks everyone for their prayers as her daughter Chloe now has accommodation. Please pray for Sarah as she undergoes various tests over the next few months in an attempt to improve her health.
- **Pam**, please pray for a speedy recovery following emergency surgery and for Bob and the family as they support her.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.**
Today all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for **Whiteley Church**. Staff: Philippa Mills & Amy Adeniran; Church Wardens: Vikki Potts & Jo Vartan. They give thanks for their Advent Fair with involvement from both Whiteley Primary Schools; the hard work, generosity and commitment of their church council and congregation; the work of the Foundation Governors at Cornerstone CofE Primary School. They ask for prayer for their Star Trail in Whiteley Shopping Centre; good connections with people through their Christmas services that can be developed in the new year; that giving in December will bring them much closer to meeting their parish share.
On 30 December, all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of St Paul's Church, Sarisbury**. Staff: Sandy Matheson; Administrator: Janet Dullidge; Schools Worker: Aimee Blois-Moore; Local Leadership Team. They give thanks for all who attended services through December and all who made the services possible; their Community Café one morning each week which reaches out to their community. They ask for prayer for creativity and wisdom to know how to make the best use of their new facilities for God's mission in their parish; a good response to their Alpha course starting in January; an increase in their income to meet their expenditure.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.**
This week we pray for the residents of St Mary's Road, Melvyn Jones House, Anzac Close, Garnet Close, Canterbury Road & Deal Close.
Next week we pray for the residents of Queens Crescent, Mayfield Close, Belmont Close and Dale Road.

Please send any prayer requests to the church office
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