



Crofton Parish Diary

JANUARY

Wed 30	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 30	9.45am	Café, coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 30	12 noon	Prayer Walk	Holy Rood
Wed 30	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course, 3rd session	Holy Rood
Thu 31	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Thu 31	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room

FEBRUARY

Sat 2	7.30pm	FOCOC Barn Dance, with live music from The Harvesters and a ploughman's supper. Tickets £9 from the parish office or Peter Gladwell	Titchfield Comm'ity Centre
Tue 5	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting AGM	Hall
Tue 5	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Evening, led by Revd Richard England	Hall
Wed 6	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate, speaker, Erica Wilkie on 'Sick Girl & Sick Woman'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 6	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course, 4th session	Holy Rood
Fri 8	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 9	2-3.30pm	Family Fun afternoon £3 per family.	Holy Rood
Tue 12	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company, Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Mon 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Mon 25	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 28	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

Services on Sunday 3 February

St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Ven Gavin Collins
11.10am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Beryl Stares Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

Holy Rood: 9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield
Preacher: Revd Richard England
6.30pm Causeway A service especially for adults with learning disabilities, but everyone welcome



Sunday 27 January 2019

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 27 January (Epiphany 3)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England
Follow: Relationships Bible reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Baptist Church

6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019
Churches Together in Stubbington

Holy Rood

Thursday 31 January, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room
Leader: Revd Beryl Stares Preacher: Jim Palmer

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, 27 January

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON—Saturday 9 February 2pm-3:30pm. Family fun is back! It is aimed at families with primary school aged children, but if your children are a little younger or older, you are still welcome to come along. There will be a sports zone, challenge zone, build zone, tech zone, glamour zone, baby zone, prayer zone, craft zone and cafe - ending with a fun Family Worship time. £3 per family including refreshments. Once again, **lots of cakes will be needed. If you can help, we would be most grateful - small individual cakes only please and NOTHING WITH ANY NUTS.** Please complete an allergens checklist (on the tables at the back of the church or available from the Parish Office) and hand in with your cakes to the kitchen or office on Friday 8 February. We also need large (flattened) cardboard boxes, which can also be brought into the office. Thank you!

ALPHA Alpha started on **Wednesday 16 January at 7.00pm and will run until 27 March.** If you would like to attend the course, please contact the Parish Office or complete the online form available on the Crofton Parish website. It is not too late to invite people to come along - there are cards available in the pews or at the back of the church to hand out to your friends, families, neighbours...



BOOKS AVAILABLE TO ORDER! Following last Sunday's sermon on "Prayer" the following books are available to order from the Parish Office:

"Don't just stand there.... Pray something!" by Ronald Dunn £4
"Prayer" Richard Foster £9
"Finding your hidden treasure" by Benignus O'Rourke £10

Richard also recommended "Open Mind Open Heart" by Thomas Keating, but this can only be sourced on an individual basis.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE PERSECUTED CHURCH "There are 2 million Christians living in Sudan, which is less than 5% of population. The government is strongly Islamic and is implementing a policy of one religion and culture. In the Nuba mountains thousands of Christians have been killed and in other parts of the country many churches have been demolished and church leaders arrested. Blasphemy laws are also being used to persecute the Christians." (Open Doors UK January news update). Please include these Christians in your prayers. You are welcome to join us this **Thursday, 31 January** in Holy Rood from 4-5pm for our monthly prayer group for The Persecuted Church. Jim Palmer

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS Could you spare an hour once a fortnight? 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.



THE FOCOC BARN DANCE Saturday 2 February, 7.30pm at Titchfield Community Centre. There will be live music from The Harvesters and a ploughman's supper. Tickets are £9 from the parish office or Peter Gladwell. All proceeds for the upkeep of St Edmund's Church.

FOLLOW

Lord Jesus Christ,
In 2019, may we be
Faithful in Prayer
Willing to Care
And Ready to Share.
Would you
Pour out your Spirit,
Show us your goodness
And use us for your glory.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Follow: In 2019 (Vision Sunday)

Follow: Run the Race

Follow: Prayer

Follow: Relationships

Follow: Finances

Follow: Purpose

Follow: For Life



CROFTON NEEDS YOU!



Are you are interested in joining one of our wonderful teams working with our under 18s? If you would like more information please sign up on the sheets at the back of Holy Rood and a member of the relevant team will contact you!

NEW CASUAL COFFEE A new friendship group meeting is starting at the Stubbington Sports Centre (the old snooker club) on Tuesday 29 January at 11.00am. Everyone welcome!

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, Sarah is having her medication reduced to enable further tests. Please pray for healing and strength for a holiday in February.
- **Pam**, Pam is back home having been in hospital following a series of strokes. Please pray for Pam and the family.
- **Gregory**, now back home having been in hospital. Please pray for a full recovery and for the family to be surrounded by love.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of St Mary's, Portchester.** Clergy: Ian Meredith; Readers: Carol Gay, Jan Fuller & Derek Johnson; Churchwardens: Hazel Powlesland & Tony Fuller. They praise God for their new Parish Administrator, Emma Capps, and pray she settles in well with her new job; financial blessings at the end of the year and for record attendances at Christmas services. They ask for prayer for the parents attending their Exploring Baptism course this month; as they temporarily relocate to Portchester Community School, for the practical arrangements and that most of their members will continue to support them.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Gosport Road, Marks Road and Spencer court. **For prayer walking please meet at Holy Rood.**

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

EMERGENCY PIANIST The Methodist Church in Stubbington are looking for someone to play the piano during services in an emergency. If you would be able to help, please contact the parish office.

MISSING PHONE CHARGER Does anyone remember picking up a Samsung phone charger that was plugged in at the front of Holy Rood sometime in December. If you think you may have taken it by mistake the owner would be grateful if you could return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

BATH & SHOWER CUBICLE Bob Fisher has a corner bath 1400x1400 and shower cubicle 800x800 that are no longer required. Please contact him if you know someone who would be interested in taking them.