



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 13 January

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader: Gary Willcocks Preacher: Revd Richard England

Holy Rood: 9.30am All In Holy Communion Leaders: Sarah Donaghy & Revd Wing Man Tsang
Preacher: Beth Yeandle

6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield



Sunday 6 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 6 January (Epiphany)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

Bible readings: Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

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Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England

Follow: In 2019 (Vision Sunday) Bible reading: Mark 1:14-20

6.30pm Causeway

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

Thursday 10 January, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

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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Vicar: Revd Richard England **Assistant Minister:** Revd Colin Prestidge

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, 6 January

Today, 9.30 at Holy Rood - 'Vision Sunday'

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

Today we are launching Vision 2019 and beginning a new teaching series 'Follow'.

A two-week Devotional is available to help you start 2019 well. Please collect your copy from the back of either church on each 'Vision Sunday'. Study materials and sermons are available for Home group leaders at croftonparish.org.uk/follow or hard copies of the study guides are available from the Home Group Resources at the back of Holy Rood Church or from the Parish Office.

PRAYERWALKING

As part of Vision 2019, we will be prayer walking within our Parish each week every Wednesday from 12noon, starting 9 January. This week we will be praying for our parish, so please arrive at Holy Rood by 11.55am. Please consider joining in and enabling this to take place as part of our vision.

ALPHA

We will be running an adult Alpha course this 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.

LOST PROPERTY Please check the table in the foyer for any items that you may have mislaid whilst attending church. Any items not claimed by Sunday 13 January will be passed on to charity or recycled.

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.



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, chocolate and much more.

PARENTS please remember that you are responsible for your children during coffee time after the 9:30 service at Holy Rood. For safety reasons, pre-school and Primary age children are **NOT** allowed upstairs after the service. Thank you.

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Feb 17 Follow: For Life

INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

A reminder that if you are a volunteer working with children, young people or adults who may be at risk, mandatory training needs to be undertaken when you first start volunteering and refresher training every three years thereafter. Details for accessing the current training course can be found on the safeguarding notice board in the foyer. If you need to check when your training is next due, please contact your group leader or e-mail Mary White, the safeguarding administrator, mary.white@croftonparish.org.uk
Thank you for your 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 an exciting vacancy for a Pastoral Worker 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/>

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**, Sarah is having her medication reduced to enable further tests. Please pray for healing and strength for a holiday in February.
- **Pam**, Pam is now back at home. Please pray for continued healing and for Bob and the family as they continue to support her.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.**
Today all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of St John the Evangelist, Fareham**. Clergy: Revd Bruce Deans; Readers: Chris Ahern, Ian Cranstone, Caroline Deans, Alan Ferrier, Jeremy Hicks, Joanne Newton (Licensed to QA), Brian Powell & Jeannette Poulter. Wardens: Ian Cranstone & Elizabeth Webb; Parish Administrator: Helen Andrews. They give thanks for a well attended light party at Halloween; the church away day and their reflections on their personal walk with Jesus; the start of the college pastors scheme. They ask for prayer for their 2019 "Mission of the Month" program of charity-giving, prayer support and educational promotion; the development of the proposed debt advice centre; the proposed Fareham Churches Together Lent course, serviced by a goodly number of hosts, leaders and participants.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.**
This week we give thanks to God for Christmas and pray for Crofton Parish as we commence the New Year.

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

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. **Please be aware that parking will be restricted in the village, so we would advise walking where possible next Sunday.**

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'Follow' 2-week Devotional + Home Group Notes available from the Parish Office.
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