



Crofton Parish Diary

February

Mon 25	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Wed 27	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 27	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 27	12 noon	Prayer Walk	Burnt House Lane Car Park
Wed 27	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course, 6th session	Holy Rood
Thu 28	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Thu 28	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 28	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

March

Fri 1	1.45pm	World Day of Prayer St Faith's , Lee on Solent	St Faith's
Fri 1	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sun 3	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 5	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting, speaker, Revd Colin Prestidge	Hall
Tue 5	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting, led by Revd Richard England	Hall
Wed 6	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate, speaker, Revd Colin Prestidge on 'Ten men with leprosy'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 6	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service coffee served from 7pm	St Edmund's
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
Wed 20	12.30pm	FOCOC Soup & Sandwiches Tickets are £7 each and are available from Peter Gladwell or the Parish Office	Rotary Club Wheelhouse
Sat 30	9.00am	Mother's Union making Mothering Sunday posies	Maple Room
Sat 30	2-3.30pm	Family Fun afternoon £3 per family.	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 3 March

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

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



Sunday 24 February 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 24 February (2 before Lent)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Kings Cross: The Mountain Bible readings: Revelation 4; Mark 9:2-13

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield

Kings Cross: The Mountain Bible readings: Mark 9:2-13

6.30pm Ascent Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Wing Man Tsang Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

The Holy Spirit in the Church Bible readings: Ephesians 2:11-22

Thursday 28 February, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader: 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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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, 24 February

NEW PARISH GIVING SCHEME If you haven't already received a pack these are still available at the back of Holy Rood & St Edmund's. Completed forms can be sent directly or placed in the Parish Giving Scheme box in the Parish Office. If you have any questions please contact Steve Lazell or Jane Dilloway. Alternatively speak to the Parish Office who will pass on any queries. For more information on Giving in Crofton Parish please go to croftonparish.org.uk/give.

COMPASSION Following an interesting presentation on their trip to Ethiopia with Compassion last Sunday, Jackie & Danny have three profiles of children from Ethiopia and Peru waiting for sponsors. If you are interested please speak to Jackie or contact the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE at St Faith's, Victoria Square, Lee-on-the-Solent on **Friday 1 March at 1:45pm**. All are welcome at this interdenominational service arranged by the Christian women of Slovenia. Refreshments served after the service.

MISSION GIVING FUND Each year Crofton Parish allocates a proportion of its income to support mission projects both nearby and around the world. If you would like to nominate an individual or organisation to receive a contribution from the Mission Giving Fund, please send an email to office@croftonparish.org.uk or vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk to receive a copy of the application form or pop into the Parish Office to collect an application form. The details of how to apply and where to return the form are specified on the application form. **All applications must be returned by Tuesday 5th March either to the Parish Office or by email.** Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will take place at St Edmund's on **Wednesday 6 March at 7.30pm**. Coffee is served from 7.00pm and there will be an opportunity to receive "ashing" for repentance.

"HELP NEEDED!" Carolyn is looking for someone to drive a large car/van to Testwood Baptist Church on **Friday 3 May around 6pm** to help take some necessary equipment and to then bring it back on **Sunday 5 May at approx. 11am**. She is also looking for a couple of people to drive up to Testwood on **Saturday 4 May around 3pm** to prepare a meal for approx. 28 people. If you think you can help please contact Carolyn at carolyn@croftonparish.org.uk. Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Last year, 20 million Christians in China experienced persecution. Open Doors estimates it is now 50 million – that's half of all Christians in China. In fact, China has jumped dramatically on the [Open Doors World Watch List](#) – the ranking of the top 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. It moved up from number 43 to 27, a clear indication that the tide has turned for Chinese believers. The government is not (yet) trying to stamp out religion completely. Instead, it sees the church as a useful arm for increasing citizen loyalty to President Xi Jinping's ideology. You are welcome to join us in this Thursday from 4-5pm in the Oak room for our monthly Persecuted Church prayer meeting.

INVITATION TO THE CATHEDRAL Next week on **Thursday 28 February** our parish is on the Diocesan Prayer Cycle. **On that day** we are warmly invited to attend Choral Evensong which is normally sung at 6pm.

FAREHAM & GOPORT BASICS BANK Please remember that we have regular collections of food and toiletries for the Basics Bank on the 1st Sunday of the month at Holy Rood, and on 1st and 2nd Sundays at St Edmund's.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 10 - The Mountain

1. This is the turning point in Mark's gospel. The disciples were getting the picture that Jesus was the Messiah, the King. Now he's saying he must die. Why do you think the disciples struggled with this?
2. Why were Moses and Elijah at the top of the mountain with Jesus?
3. What do you understand by the term 'corporate worship'? How has your understanding been challenged or affirmed?
4. Have you ever experienced the presence of God in a powerful way as you worshipped with others? Share and discuss.

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to all of those people who came and helped with deep cleaning the Kitchen and downstairs carpets. I think you'll all agree it all looks lovely and fresh!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH

MEETING (APCM) Our APCM is on Sunday April 28 at 6.30pm. **Jim Nolan will be stepping down as Churchwarden** and whilst Jim is irreplaceable, if you think that God might be calling you to be our next warden alongside Julie Mizen please talk to Richard. Please pray for this important role within the life of our Parish. There will also be elections for new PCC members, so please consider if that's right for you - more details will be available nearer to the APCM. Please be aware that this year we have to completely renew our Electoral Roll and forms will be available next week.

FRED HOCKING Fred's funeral will be taking place at Holy Rood on **Tuesday 26 February at 11.30am**.

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, Please continue to pray for healing and strength.
- **Pam**, Pam is back in hospital with sepsis. Please pray for her and the family, several of whom have also been very unwell.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the **Crofton Parish of Holy Rood & St Edmund's, Stubbington**. Vicar: Revd Richard England; Assistant Minister: Revd Colin Prestidge; Curates: Revd Dan & Jude Greenfield; Retired Ministers: Revd Beryl Stares & Revd Wing Man Tsang; Readers: Gary Willcocks, Karen Wainwright & Colleen Tsang; Churchwardens: Jim Nolan & Julie Mizen; Youth Worker: Carolyn Terry; Children & Families Support Worker: Heather Brown; Worship & Festivals Team Leader: Kathryn England; Training & Discipleship Team Leader: Beth Yeandle; Parish Manager: Vicki Edwards; Vicars PA: Sue Elgie; Weddings & Baptisms Administrator: Gill Nolan. We give thanks for our recent community 'Family Fun Day' where over 240 people attended and got immersed in activities and worship through the story of Jesus calming the storm and for our staff and volunteers who commit so much time, energy and passion in creating this event; the links we have made with our local schools through assemblies and weekly lunchtime club; for our newly appointed Reader Colleen Tsang (previously a reader in the Chichester Diocese). We would value prayers for our current Alpha course and we thank God for those attending and pray that the course will touch lives; for God's provision to add to our numbers of leaders and helpers for our Sunday morning children's groups.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Burnt House Lane, Peartree Close, Metcalfe Avenue, Swanton Close, Tangyes Close, Darren Close & Pinewood Close. **For prayer walking please meet in the Burnt House Lane car park.**

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

WEDDING OF RICHARD KENDALL & SARAH HUNT Richard & Sarah are getting married at Holy Rood on **Saturday 9 March at 12.30**. They would like to invite everyone to come and share in this wonderful celebration.