



Crofton Parish Diary

March

Tue 12	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 13	9.30-11.00am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 13	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone, including Fairtrade Stall	Oak Room
Wed 13	12 noon	Prayer Walk meet at the Crofton Pub Car Park	Car Park
Wed 13	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course , 8th session	Holy Rood
Thu 14	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 15	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
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
Thu 28	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 28	7.15pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 28	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
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

April

Tue 2	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting , speaker, Erica Wilkie	Hall
Tue 2	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting led by Revd Richard England	Hall
Sat 6	9.30am-4.30pm	Prayer Ministry Training Day (details inside sheet)	Holy Rood
Sun 7	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Wed 10	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate , speaker, Revd Jude Greenfield on 'A blind man at Bethsaida'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Sun 28	4.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 17 March

St. Edmund's: 9.30am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
11.10am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Richard England

Holy Rood: 9.30am All Age Service with Baptism Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield
 Preacher: Revd Richard England
6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang



Sunday 10 March 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 10 March (Lent 1)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Kings Cross: The Ransom Bible readings: Mark 10:32-45; Romans 10:8b-13

Holy Rood

9.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle

Kings Cross: The Ransom Bible readings: Mark 10:32-45

6.30pm Ascent

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield

The Holy Spirit in the Church: Gifts Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Thursday 14 March, 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 through the Parish Giving Scheme, by standing order or envelope, and there is opportunity also to make an offering during services.

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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, 10 March

ELECTORAL ROLL Every six years every Church of England parish has to create a new Electoral Roll (ER) from scratch - 2019 is one of those years! So everyone who wishes to be on the ER will need to complete a registration form this year. These are available from the back of both churches and the Parish Office. It is also available to download from croftonparish.org.uk/apcm. To participate in this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting you will need to return your completed form **before midnight on Sunday 31 March**.

CONGREGATIONAL DATABASE For day to day operations we use our Congregational Database to record those who belong to one of our congregations at Holy Rood or St Edmund's and feel they are part of the Crofton Parish community. To comply with GDPR regulations, **we are setting up a new Congregational Database this year** which will be used by leaders, Parish officers and staff to enable pastoral care, communication of news and event details. **You can sign up to join the new Congregational Database at the same time as completing your Electoral Roll Form.** Not everyone who feels they belong to one of our congregations will be able, or wish, to join the Electoral Roll. However, you can still sign up to be on the Congregational Database.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) - Sunday April 28 at 4.30pm.

Jim Nolan will be stepping down as Churchwarden; 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.

COMPASSION Following an interesting presentation on their trip to Ethiopia with Compassion recently, 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.

"HELP NEEDED!" Carolyn is looking for a couple of people to drive to Testwood Baptist Church 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!

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON—Saturday 30 March 2pm-3:30pm. Our Family Fun Afternoons are 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. This time there will be a **visiting farm** as well as the regular zones: art, challenge, build, tech, glamour, baby, prayer, craft, cafe - and as usual we will end with a fun Family Worship time. £3 per family including refreshments.

WOOL YOU HELP US PLEASE? The Family Fun Afternoon Craft Team would appreciate donations of balls of wool, any thickness and colour, for a craft project at the next event. We would also love to receive home-made woolly pom poms, any size and colour, preferably with a hanging thread. Please hand the above into the Parish Office by **Friday 29 March**.

SOUTH HANTS NEW WINE PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING DAY led by Bob Payne on **Saturday 6 April, 9:30am-4:30pm at Holy Rood**. Bob has been warden at Lee Abbey and has served on the New Wine International Team. Cost £5 per person payable in cash on the day (to include light refreshments of tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits). Bring your own packed lunch. For more details or to sign up please contact Sue at vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk

King's Cross Home Group Questions

Week 12 - The Ransom

Mark 10:32-45

1. What struck you about what you read or heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. How do you feel about the cross? Does the idea of Jesus dying for the sins of the world seem like nonsense to you?
3. What do you think about the idea of growing together in our faith as a community? Do you think that your home group is a place where you can do that?

EASTER LILY & FLOWER MEMORIAL

For a £1 donation towards the cost of Easter Flowers, a loved one's name can appear on this Memorial List. Please complete a request slip which can be found at the back of both churches during Lent. **Closing date for requests is 10 April.**

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL— MENTAL HEALTH COUNTS

Please pick up a leaflet about this year's appeal focusing on mental wellbeing. The Bishop is inviting contributions to various charities, including 'Heads Together' which brings together a coalition of charities working to promote mental health and wellbeing, tackle stigma and give people confidence to discuss their mental health. If you wish to make a donation, please use one of the envelopes marked 'Bishop of Portsmouth's Lent Appeal 2019'.

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Don't forget to pick up your copy of this magazine and keep up to date with what's happening in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

Please pray for

- **Sarah** gives thanks for an enjoyable holiday. Please pray for pain relief as she comes off her medication and goes for further tests.
- **Pam** is now back home recovering. Please pray for her and the rest of the family.
- **Beryl** is in QA recovering from surgery for a broken hip following a nasty fall. Please pray for healing and for her son as he supports her.
- **Margaret** Margaret is currently undergoing chemotherapy, which is affecting her confidence. Please pray for her confidence to be restored and for Mel as he provides her with support.
- **Alison and family**, following the death of her father last week.
- **Graham** on mission to Romania from 9-19 March with Europe to Europe, as he ministers to young people in sheltered accommodation and works on health innovations and reforms with University colleagues.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for Whiteley Church. Staff: Philippa Mills & Amy Adeniran; Churchwardens: Vikki Potts & Jo Vartan. They give thanks for the generosity of the congregation and friends which has enabled them to pay the last part of their 2018 parish share; for the news that work on the North Whiteley development has started, bringing them a step closer to the start of a new building for Cornerstone CoFE Primary School; for the commitment and hard work of their wardens, church council and others who enable the life and mission of Whiteley Church to continue. They would like prayers for the launch of 40acts in Lent through both primary schools and across Whiteley; that people will feel called to step into the role of churchwarden and church council member; for early conversation with the developers to enable good links to be established within the new housing area.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Carisbrooke Avenue, Violet Avenue, Harriet Close, Goodsell Close and Andrew Place. **For prayer walking please meet in the Crofton Pub car park.**

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