



Crofton Parish Diary

March

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	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	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	12 noon	Prayer Walk meet at the Roman Catholic Church Car Park	Car Park
Wed 6	7-9.30pm	Alpha Course , 7th session	Holy Rood
Wed 6	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service coffee served from 7pm	St Edmund's
Thu 7	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 8	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Tue 12	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 13	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
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			
Sat 6	9.30am	Prayer Ministry Training Day lead by Bob Payne from the New Wine Network. Cost is £5 per person which includes tea & coffee. Please bring a packed lunch	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 10 March

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Holy Rood: 9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle
6.30pm Ascent: Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield



Sunday 3 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 3 March (1 before Lent)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 18:31-43

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Ven Gavin Collins
Kings Cross: The Trap Bible readings: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Mark 10:17-31

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Richard England
Kings Cross: The Trap Bible readings: Mark 10:17-31

6.30pm Causeway

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

Thursday 7 March, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader: Colleen Tsang Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang

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, 3 March

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.

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!

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.

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. 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**.

TRAIDCRAFT STALL Our monthly Traidcraft stall at Holy Rood today provides an opportunity to buy fairly traded goods. Fairtrade currently works with 1.6 million farmers and workers across 74 developing countries, providing a safety net against volatile market prices and the Fairtrade Premium - often the only resource to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions. There are special offers on the stall today. **Save 20% on Café Direct Coffee, Divine Chocolate, honey and muscovado sugar; save 15% on Muesli.** Please remember that we are a Fairtrade Church so all tea, coffee and sugar used for refreshments at any event held at the Church should be Fairtrade.

VIDA GODDARD Sadly Vida died on Tuesday 26 February. Her funeral will take place on Friday 8 March at 12.30 at St. James' by the Park, Shirley. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service and parking is only available in the surrounding roads. Please let the Parish Office know, by Monday, 4 March, if you will be attending. The family have asked that you wear something bright & beautiful that Vida would have loved, no black. There are no floral tributes, but donations can be made to Solent Funeral Services in aid of the Church Pastoral Aid Society and Scripture Union.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 11 - The Trap

1. What struck you about what you read or heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. 'Part of our mission is to reach rich young rulers.' How does this statement make you feel? Do you agree or disagree with it? Why?
3. 'If our finances don't reflect our discipleship, we're not doing it properly.' What a challenging statement! Can you think of some reasons why followers of Jesus don't integrate their faith with their finances? What could your group do to support each other in this area?

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**.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH

MEETING (APCM) Our APCM is on Sunday April 28 at 4.30pm. **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 pray for

- **Sarah**, Sarah gives thanks for an enjoyable holiday. Please pray for pain relief as she comes off her medication and goes for further tests.
- **Pam**, Pam is now back home recovering. Please pray for her and the rest of the family.
- **Beryl**, 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. She will hopefully be going home next week with an expected recovery period of 6 to 8 weeks.
- **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.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of St Paul's, Sarisbury**. Vicar: Revd Sandy Matheson; Church Administrator: Janet Dulledge; Schools Worker: Aimee Blois-Moore; Local Leadership Team: Phil Rutt, Jacqui Linford, Elaine Cordner, Janet Dulledge, Sandy Matheson. They give thanks for the many families who have come to their restarted Under 5's group on a Monday and for the amazing volunteers who run it; for a good start to Who Let The Dads Out Scalextric and Bacon Butties. They would like prayers for their current Alpha course and they thank God for wisdom as they seek to increase their income to be able to meet their Parish Share Commitments in 2019; for their upcoming elections to their PCC and one new Churchwarden.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Bells Lane, Crofton Court, Angelus Close, Solent Court and Lanes End. **For prayer walking please meet in the Roman Catholic Church 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.

