



Crofton Parish Diary

April

Tue 2	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting , speaker, Erica Wilkie	Hall
Tue 2	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting led by Revd Richard England	Hall
Wed 3	9.30-11.00am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 3	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 3	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate , all welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 3	12 noon	Prayer Walk please meet in The Crofton Retail Centre, junction of Stubbington Lane & Moody Road	Crofton Retail Centre
Thu 4	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 5	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 6	9.30am-4.30pm	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
Sun 7	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 9	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Mon 15-Thu 18	9am	Holy Week Morning Prayer	Holy Rood
Tue 16	7pm	Taize Service	St Edmund's
Thu 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Thu 18	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Holy Rood
Fri 19	10am	Good Friday All-Age Service	Holy Rood
Fri 19	11am	Good Friday Churches Together Act of Witness	Village Green
Fri 19	12noon-3pm	Three Hours at the Cross Led meditation from 2-3pm	St Edmund's
Sun 21	6am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service	Salterns
Thu 25	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 25	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Sun 28	4.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Holy Rood

Services on Sunday 7 April

St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Rev Richard England
11:10am Holy Communion Leader: Karen Wainwright Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

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



Mothering Sunday 31 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

Mothering Sunday 31 March (Lent 4)

St Edmund's
9.30am Holy Communion
 Leader/Preacher: Rev Reg Forse
 Bible readings: Mark 14:32-42; Colossians 3:12-17

Holy Rood
9.30am Morning Praise
 Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield
Kings Cross: The Cup Bible reading: Mark 14:32-42

6.30pm Ascent
 Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Jo Genter
The Holy Spirit in the Church: Witness Bible Reading: Acts 1:1-8

Thursday 4 April, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room
 Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Jim Palmer

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. 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 position and sit in one of the central pews marked with the loop symbol.

For information & prayer, 31 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 forms before midnight tonight, Sunday 31 March.

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.

STEWARDS Is God calling you to become a member of one of our stewarding teams - welcoming and assisting people at our Sunday services? You may feel this is a way you could serve as a family or a homegroup. If you'd like to know more or volunteer, then chat to one of the stewards or wardens.

"OPEN" We are setting up a group to support those with low level mental health issues called "OPEN" and are looking for people to be part of this team. If you are interested please speak to Denise Charlton or Andy Williams. Alternatively contact the Parish Office.

WINGS LIKE EAGLES This charity, of which John Guest is a trustee, was formed to provide disaster relief in Southern Africa. Following the widespread flooding in Mozambique, Adrian Nance, a trustee & CEO of WLE was already helping with the disaster relief when cyclone Idai hit magnifying the problems of devastation as was seen on the News. Adrian is involved in coordinating the relief efforts in Beira and will be known to members of our Church. Please pray for his safety and health. **Following his appeal last Sunday, John would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity . To date, with Gift Aid, we have received over £400.** It is still possible to make a donation through the church using one of our yellow gift aid envelopes. You can find out more and make a donation on their website <https://www.wingslikeeagles.net/> .

@COFE PORTSMOUTH MARCH 2019 EDITION 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.

RISEN! Risen! The Musical is now available on You Tube with subtitles in Mandarin, Spanish and Romanian with English and Vietnamese on their way. All versions can be accessed via www.risenthemusical.com which Ken and Mustard Seed Songs would very much appreciate you sharing this Easter season.

CROFTON ANNE DALE FEDERATION IS RECRUITING GOVERNORS!

Could you be just the person they are looking for? They are currently seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on their governing body. The Crofton Anne Dale governors are a friendly team. They invite you to apply for this opportunity to support the school and give something back to the local community. Being a governor is an important and rewarding role. If you are interested you can contact Vicki Edwards in the Parish Office for more information.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 15 - The Cup Mark 14:32-42

1. Did anything surprise you from today's passage? Why?
2. "God loves into suffering." How might this characteristic of God affect what we think about ourselves? How might this characteristic affect how we describe God to others?

Seiger Koder - Hour of Darkness



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'.

REGULAR GIVING BOXED

ENVELOPE SCHEME New boxes for 2019 are now available for collection at the back of both churches for those who use this scheme.

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, Sarah has been diagnosed with two more autoimmune disorders. Due to the high levels of pain, she is struggling to sleep. Please pray for pain relief and the right medication package to be implemented.
- **Beryl**, Beryl is now in the Gosport War Memorial 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 not continuing with her chemotherapy as the side effects outweigh the benefits. Please pray for her confidence to be restored and for Mel and the family as they face the future.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.**
Today all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St John the Baptist, Locks Heath. Staff Vicar: Gavin Foster; Reader with PTO: Jan Wilson; Retired Clergy: Megan Atkinson, Anne Boggust, Peter Coombs, David Isherwood, John Maybury, Jane Richards, David Wilson; Churchwardens: Trevor Pritchard & Karen Deacon; Verger: Roger Pickard; Office Staff: Abi Elshaw & Liz Morgan; Retired Readers: John & Ros Nicholls. They give thanks for the Alpha & Youth Alpha courses that are running; their new curate, Mike Moritz, who arrives with his family in June; for the wonderful office staff and volunteers at St John's. They would like prayers for their APCM on the 31 March; wisdom and direction for their youth & children's worker; new Churchwardens & PCC Members.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.**
This week we pray for the residents of Beverley Road, Dallington Close, Springfield Way, Link Way & Farm Edge Road **For prayer walking please meet at the Crofton Retail Centre, junction of Stubbington Lane & Moody Road.**
Please send any prayer requests to the Parish Office office@croftonparish.org.uk

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.**