



# Crofton Parish Diary

## May

Wed 1	9.30-11.00am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 1	10.30am	Day Time Pastorate, all welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 24	12 noon	Prayer Walking please meet at the junction of Bells Lane & Mancroft Avaneue	Mancroft Avenue
Wed 1	7.30-9.30pm	Safeguarding Refresher Training	Oak Room
Thu 2	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Sun 5	11am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 7	2pm	Mothers' Union Meeting, speaker, Anne Shotlander	Hall
Tue 7	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting led by Revd Richard England	Hall
Wed 8	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Fri 10	3.30-5pm	Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10	Centre
Sat 11	2-3.30pm	Family Fun afternoon £3 per family.	Holy Rood
Sat 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Thu 23	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 23	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub
Thu 30	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room

## Services on Sunday, 5 May

**St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion** Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares  
**11.10am Holy Communion** Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England

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



**Sunday 28 April 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 28 April (Easter 1)**

#### St Edmund's

##### 9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks  
 Bible readings: Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-23

#### Holy Rood

##### 9.30am Morning Praise with Baptism

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Richard England  
 Vision 2019 Bible reading: Philippians 2:12-18

#### 4.30pm Annual Church Meeting followed by a short service of prayer and worship

Led by: Revd Richard England

#### Thursday 25 April, 10.30am, Holy Communion

In the Foster Room Led by: Revd Beryl Stares

**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 including payment by card or Android/Apple Pay. 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, 28 April

 **2020 VISION** Crofton Parish's Annual PCC Meeting is this afternoon, **Sunday April 28 at 4.30pm**. Please join us to remember, with thanks, all God has done for us and to look at the next steps in the outworking of our 2020 Vision. There will be an election for four church council members and details of the candidates can be found on the website - do pray about how you cast your votes. Please also ensure that you read the Annual Report and Accounts which can be found on the website and copies are available at both churches. The afternoon starts with a **Cream Tea at 3.30pm**. There will be a film for the children while the Annual Meeting takes place. The afternoon will conclude with a half hour of prayer and worship starting at 6pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POST** The PCC wish to appoint a part-time term-time only Administrative Assistant to be responsible for the Crofton Parish front office and provide administrative support to the Parish Manager and other members of the staff team. To find out more, download the job description and covering letter from the website [www.croftonparish.org.uk](http://www.croftonparish.org.uk). You can apply for this post by sending your CV and a covering letter, explaining why you feel you might be a suitable candidate, via email to [office@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@croftonparish.org.uk). The closing date for applications is midnight, Wednesday 1 May 2019.

**BIBLE SOCIETY INTERVIEWS** The Bible Society will be visiting Stubbington on Wednesday May 8 and would like to interview and photograph 5/6 members of Crofton Parish to appear on their website and Facebook page - please note that you will not be named. They would ideally like a range of ages, genders and ethnic backgrounds and would spend about 45 minutes with each person, visiting them in their homes or workplaces. The key question that they would need to answer is, has there been a time in your life when the Bible has helped you in a very specific way? They would then continue on from there. For examples please visit their website <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/mybible/> If you are interested please contact the Parish Office who will be coordinating visits.

**"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.

**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.

**RECYCLING BIN, HOLY ROOD** Please be aware that only the following items can be placed in our blue top recycling bin; paper (not shredded), clean cardboard, food tins, drink cans, aerosol cans & plastic bottles (no lids). Please also note that no black plastic sacks should be placed in the recycling bin.

**PARENTS** please remember that you are responsible for your children during coffee time after the 9.30am service at Holy Rood. For safety reasons, pre-school and primary age children are **NOT** allowed upstairs after the service. Thank you.

## Home Group Questions Vision 2019

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. Our 2019 Vision is 'Faithful in Prayer, Willing to Care, Ready to Share'. Which of these areas is strong in your life at present? Is there an area you would like to see develop? Why?
3. Philippians 2: 12-18 suggests some obstacles to living out God's vision for us:
  - i. Giving Up not Keeping Going
  - ii Selfishness and Grumbling
  - iii Unwillingness to SacrificeAre any of these true of you? If so, why? How could your group encourage each other in pursuing God's vision?

**SOLO SPONSORED BIKE RIDE** Ethel Brokenshire will shortly be commencing a 7,500km solo bike ride (no fuel, but FOOD!) starting in the Netherlands and travelling up to North Cape (the most northerly point in Europe) and back again! If you would like to sponsor her you will be supporting 'Wings Like Eagles' & 2nd Stubbington (Holy Rood) Scout Group. For more details please contact the Parish Office.

**YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY** Some members of our Flame Youth Group will be going to Testwood Baptist Church centre for the weekend, Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May. They would be grateful for donations of cakes (no nuts please) to be delivered to Holy Rood from **Wednesday 1 May to lunchtime Friday 3 May**. Carolyn asks for prayer for the young people whilst away on their residential, for safety, relationship building and that they may experience Jesus for the first time.

## Please pray for .....

- **Sarah**, will be starting new medication shortly. Please pray that the treatment will be effective.
- **Beryl**, is now back home continuing with her recovery following a broken hip. She would love to receive visitors, however, please do call in advance.
- **Margaret**, is improving. Please continue to pray for her, Mel and the family as they face the future.
- **Graham**, currently in QA with an infection affecting his heart which may require surgery at Southampton General. Please pray for healing and give peace to Julia and the girls.
- **Jessica**, who is 4 years old, has been diagnosed with leukaemia and is presently in QA undergoing chemotherapy. She is currently suffering with some form of infection of the spleen which isn't responding to anti fungals or antibiotics. Please pray for healing and freedom from further infections. Please also pray for peace for the whole family, strength to deal with the present situation and an awareness of God's love for each of them.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St Peter's, Titchfield. Local Leadership Team: Revd Susan Allman (Vicar), Revd Janet Trevithick (Deacon), Roger Bryant (Reader), Iain Windebank, Peter Gordon & Barbara le Sueur; Churchwardens: Barbara le Sueur & Shelia Hignell; Clergy with PTO: Peter Kelly, Gary & Lorraine Snape; Parish Administrator: Liz Miller. They give thanks for a successful Lent course 'Talking Jesus', with the engagement of those taking part and growing in confidence to speak and share their faith with others; the generosity of their congregation with their money, time and talents; their Easter Baptisms. They would like prayer for the appointment of a new financial assistant to work with their treasurer; those who are considering confirmation later this year.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Mancroft Avenue, Wedgewood Close, Denham Close and Walnut Drive. **For prayer walking please meet at the junction of Bells Lane & Mancroft Avenue.**

Please send any prayer requests to the Parish Office [office@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@croftonparish.org.uk)