



Crofton Parish Diary

April

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
Wed 10	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 10	12 noon	Prayer Walk please meet in The Crofton Retail Centre, junction of Stubbington Lane & Moody Road	Crofton Retail Centre
Mon 15-Thu 18	9am	Holy Week Morning Prayer	Holy Rood
Mon 15	7.00pm	Holy Week Meditation	Stubbington Baptist
Tue 16	7.00pm	Holy Week Meditation	Stubbington Methodist
Tue 16	7.30pm	Taize Service	St Edmund's
Wed 17	7.00pm	Holy Week Meditation	Stubbington Baptist
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 Car Park
Sun 21	8am	BCP Communion	St Edmund's
Sun 21	9.30am	All Age Communion	Holy Rood
Sun 21	9.30am	The Easter Story	St Edmund's
Sun 21	11.10am	Easter Communion	St Edmund's
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 14 April

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Rev Colin Prestidge

Holy Rood: 9.30am All Age Holy Communion Leader: Beth Yeandle
Preacher: Revd Richard England

6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Kathryn England



Sunday 7 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 7 April (Lent 5)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

Bible readings: Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:46-59

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader: Karen Wainwright Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Kings Cross: The Sword Bible readings: Mark 14:43-50; Philippians 13:4-14

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Kings Cross: The Sword Bible reading: Mark 14:43-50

6.30pm Causeway

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

Thursday 11 April, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader/Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang

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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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, 7 April

EASTER AT ST EDMUND'S All are invited to a **Taize Service in St Edmund's at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April**. It is a short service using simple musical lines combined with core biblical texts and silence as we prepare for Good Friday and Easter. **Good Friday - St Edmund's will be open for prayer** from 12pm with a led meditation from 2pm-3pm. There will be two services of **Holy Communion on Easter Day Morning** with BCP Holy Communion at 8am and an 11.10am Holy Communion Service. At 9.30am there will be bible readings and hymns to tell the Easter Story. All are welcome.

EASTER AT HOLY ROOD There will be **Morning Prayer 9am Monday to Thursday** during Holy Week and a **Maundy Thursday Communion at 7.00pm**. On **Good Friday** there will be an **All Age Service at 10am** followed by the **Stubbington Churches Together Act of Witness on the Village Green at 11am**. There will be hot cross buns and hot chocolate available after the service. **Easter Sunday starts with a sunrise service** on Hill Head beach at 6am followed by bacon rolls and tea or coffee served in the Rotary Hut. **Our main service of Easter Holy Communion is at 9.30am**. Details of all the services taking place in the Parish during Holy Week and over the Easter weekend can be found on the Crofton Parish Diary on the back of the Welcome Sheet or on flyers at the back of both churches.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) AND CREAM TEA Our APCM is on **Sunday April 28 at 4.30pm**. We will start the afternoon with a cream tea at 3.30pm to which everyone is welcome. Do look on our website croftonparish.org.uk/APCM to see the report on last year in the Parish, how to be nominated for the Parish Church Council and sign up for the Cream Tea. Do prayerfully consider whether you, or someone you know, has the skills and giftings to become a member of our Church Council. 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.

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 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/> .

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.

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.

King's Cross Home Group Questions Week 16 - The Sword Mark 14:43-50

1. What images/ideas come to mind when you think of a sword. What do they suggest?
2. What parallels can you find between the Garden of Eden and the Garden of Gethsemane?
3. What are we to make of Matthew 10:34 when compared with Matthew 26:52?
4. How is divine justice worked out by Jesus through the cross and how are we part of that in terms of bringing justice to the world?

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'.

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.**

"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.

Please pray for

- **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**, 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**, 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.
- **Graham**, was taken into QA earlier in the week with suspected pneumonia. They have also diagnosed a heart infection, stephorius. Please pray for healing and comfort and give peace to Julia and the girls.
- **Jessica**, who is 4 years old, has been diagnosed with leukaemia and is presently in QA entering into her fifth week of chemotherapy. She currently has an infection, so 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 Mary's, Portchester. Clergy: Ian Meredith; Clergy with PTO: Anne Boggust, Trevor Hubble, Phil Hiscock, David Simpson, Michael Thomas; Readers: Carol Gay, Derek Johnston, Nell Wycherley. They would like prayer for their new Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC wardens elected on 31 March; for their Leaders Away Day in April that God may give them a fresh vision and the means to implement it; for a greater engagement with children and younger adults; for wisdom as to how to develop their later morning service which is growing in numbers.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Kingsmead Avenue, Glenthorne Close, Jersey Close, Mulberry Avenue, Tamarisk Close & Ashton Way. **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
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