



Crofton Parish Diary

May

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| Wed 15 | 9.30-11.00am | Little Fish Toddler Group | Hall |
| Wed 15 | 9.45am | Café coffee and friendship for everyone | Oak Room |
| Wed 15 | 12 noon | Prayer Walking please meet at the junction of Solent Road and Short Road | Short Road |
| Thu 16 | 10-11.30am | Little Fish Toddler Group | Hall |
| Fri 17 | 3.30-5pm | Flame after school youth group for school years 7-10 | Centre |
| 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 |

June

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| Tue 4 | 2pm | Mothers' Union Meeting, speaker, Revd David & Jan Wilson | Hall |
| Tue 4 | 7.30pm | Parish Prayer Meeting led by Revd Richard England | Hall |
| Wed 5 | 10.20am | Day Time Pastorate, all welcome, coffee served from 9.45am | Oak Room |
| Sat 8 | 10am-4pm | St Edmund's Church Open Day | St Edmund's |
| Sun 9 | 1-4pm | The BIG Prayer Picnic, join with churches across Portsmouth, Hampshire & IOW | Portchester Castle |
| Tue 11 | 2-3.30pm | Cup of Tea and Company, Bereavement Support and Friendship | Hall |
| Tue 11 | 7.30-10pm | In the Arena, speakers Rob Parsons & Gerrit Bantjes | City Life Church |

Services on Sunday 19 May

St. Edmund's: 9.30am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
11.10am Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang

Holy Rood: 9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Beth Yeandle
6.30pm Ascent Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Dr Ajay Pillai



Sunday 12 May 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 12 May (Easter 3)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright
 Bible readings: Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Holy Rood

9.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England
Be Well Series - Be Real Bible reading: Luke 18:35-43

6.30pm Ascent

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
The 7 Churches - 1 Ephesus Bible reading: Rev 2:1-7

Thursday 16 May, 10.30am, Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

In the Foster Room Leader: Revd Wing Man Tsang Preacher: Colleen 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 including payment by card or Android/Apple Pay. 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 T position and sit in one of the central pews marked with the loop symbol.

For information & prayer, 12 May



2020 VISION Thank you for all who came and supported the Parish at the Annual Meeting on Sunday 28 April. At the meeting Jim Nolan & Julie Mizen were re-elected as our Churchwardens. Robert Byles, John Guest, Dan Terry and Ruth Williams were elected to the PCC. Please continue to pray for our Churchwardens and PCC members that they will have wisdom, discernment and faith as they exercise their leadership role.

ANNUAL PCC MEETING

INDIAN INLAND MISSION (IIM) The IIM has been serving the cause of Christ in India for over 55 years. It trains ministers and missionaries for the unique challenges of reaching the unreached of India with the Gospel. It's Bethesda Children's Network has rescued thousands of children from poverty and exploitation, sheltering and educating them. On **Sunday 19 May** at the **6.30pm Ascent** service at Holy Rood **Rev'd Dr Ajay Pillai** will be speaking about the work of IIM.

THE BIG PRAYER PICNIC - Sunday 9 June, 1pm to 4pm, Portchester Castle Concluding 10 days of prayer, this open-air ecumenical prayer and worship celebration calls churches together from the whole of the Portsmouth area to pray that people would come to know Jesus. We would love as many people as possible to attend from Crofton Parish and join with many churches from all over south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to eat, pray and worship together. We have been asked to provide four stewards for the main gate, who would need to attend a briefing at 11.30am on the day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

IN THE ARENA - Tuesday 11 June, 7.30pm, City Life Church, PO3 6JH This event gives men the chance to hear some practical and tested advice that will not only help them face life's challenges, but make the best of opportunities that come their way. Rob Parsons will present the evening together with Gerrit Bantjes, previously a paratrooper and fitness coach to Cardiff Rugby Club. Together they will talk about some critical areas of everyday life - friendships, finance, faith, family, character and career. To book cff.org.uk/inthearena (Tickets from £5).

"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.

BOOKS AVAILABLE TO ORDER! As part of the Be Well series the following books by Will van der Hart & Rob Waller are available to order from the back of Holy Rood or the Parish Office:

"The Guilt Book - A path to grace and freedom" £9

"The Perfectionism Book - Walking the path to freedom" £9

"The Worry Book - Finding a path to freedom" £9

SOLO SPONSORED BIKE RIDE On Thursday 9 May Ethel Brokenshire started a 7,500km solo bike ride (no fuel, but FOOD!) in the Netherlands. She will be travelling up to North Cape (the most northerly point in Europe) and back again! If you would like to sponsor her, she is supporting 'Wings Like Eagles' & 2nd Stubbington (Holy Rood) Scout Group. You can make a donation via the Wings Like Eagles giving page <https://www.wingslikeeagles.net/giving-to-wings-like-eagles/> or on the 2nd Stubbington Facebook page. Alternatively, please contact the Parish Office.

Home Group Questions Be Well - Be Real

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. Sharing our vulnerabilities and struggles with others can be hard. Can you share a time when you have shared your struggles with someone else or someone has shared theirs with you? What happened?
3. How would you answer Jesus' question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

BE WELL SERIES The interviews from this series can be viewed on YouTube via the Crofton Parish website <https://croftonparish.org.uk/be-well/> Please subscribe to our YouTube page.

GRAHAM GILES Please pray for Graham whilst he is away from Monday 6 May until Saturday 18 May in Romania ministering with disadvantaged and disabled youth, administering health and justice initiatives and speaking at an international anti-drugs conference.

ERICA WILKIE On **Saturday 29 June at 11.00am** in the **Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury**, Old Portsmouth Erica will be ordained deacon by Bishop Christopher and at **4.00pm** that afternoon Dan & Jude Greenfield will be priested. Members of Crofton Parish are very welcome to come along and support them.

SENIORS COMMUNITY WORKER

Jenny Wilford will be hosting a short meeting after the 9.30am service at Holy Rood on **Sunday 26 May** in the Oak Room. Please come along if you would like to find out more.

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, will be starting new medication shortly. Please pray that the treatment will be effective.
- **Barbara**, recovering from an injury to her leg. Please pray for healing, relief from pain and greater mobility.
- **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**, now back home being visited daily by a Hospital at Home nurse to administer iv antibiotics. Please pray for continued healing and that medication will maintain the leaky valve.
- **Kim**, Graham, Lois, Elliott and Jonny as they prepare for Kim's mum, Mary August's, funeral this week.
- **Jessica**, who is 4 years old, has been diagnosed with leukaemia and is presently in QA undergoing chemotherapy. 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 **Whitely Church**. Staff: Philippa Mills & Amy Adeniran; Churchwardens: Vikki Potts & John Foxwell. They give thanks for newly elected Churchwardens and PCC members; opportunities Amy has to go into Henry Cort; good conversations and new faces at events and services in Lent, Holy Week and Easter. They seek prayer for their 'Living your best life' ecofair on Saturday 18 May, that it will have a positive impact in the community and lead to some good conversations; Amy as she seeks to make connections with people and continues to look for opportunities to pioneer in the wider community; their first Bible Course beginning this month.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for the residents of Solent Road, Short Road and Old Street. **For prayer walking please meet at the junction of Solent Road & Short Road.**

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