



# Crofton Parish Diary

## May

<b>Wed 29</b>	9.45am	<b>Café</b> coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
<b>Wed 29</b>	12 noon	<b>Prayer Walking</b> please meet at the junction of Burnt House Lane and Windermere Avenue	Windermere Avenue
<b>Thu 30</b>	4-5pm	<b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>	Oak Room

## June

<b>Mon 3-Fri 7</b>	9-9.30am	<b>Thy Kingdom Come - Week of Morning Prayer</b>	Holy Rood
<b>Mon 3-Fri 7</b>	7-7.30am	<b>Thy Kingdom Come - Week of Evening Prayer</b> Mon, Wed, Fri at Holy Rood, Tue, Thu at St Edmund's	Holy Rood & St Edmund's
<b>Tue 4</b>	2pm	<b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b> , speakers, Revd David & Jan Wilson	Hall
<b>Wed 5</b>	9.30-11.00am	<b>Little Fish Toddler Group</b>	Hall
<b>Wed 5</b>	10.20am	<b>Day Time Pastorate</b> , all welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
<b>Thu 6</b>	10-11.30am	<b>Little Fish Toddler Group</b>	Hall
<b>Fri 7</b>	3.30-5pm	<b>Flame after school youth group</b> for school years 7-10	Centre
<b>Sat 8</b>	10am-4pm	<b>St Edmund's Church Open Day</b>	St Edmund's
<b>Sun 9</b>	1-4pm	<b>The BIG Prayer Picnic</b> , join with churches across Portsmouth, Hampshire & IOW	Portchester Castle
<b>Tue 11</b>	2-3.30pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
<b>Tue 11</b>	7.30-10pm	<b>In the Arena</b> , speakers Rob Parsons & Gerrit Bantjes	City Life Church
<b>Mon 17</b>	7.30pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Hall
<b>Tue 18</b>	10am-12noon	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	St Edmund's
<b>Thu 27</b>	8pm	<b>Men's Pub Night</b>	Crofton Pub
<b>Sun 9</b>	4.30pm	<b>New Wine</b> , a meeting for all those going to New Wine 2019	Hall

## Services on Sunday 2 June

**St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion** Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
**11.10am Holy Communion** Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge  
 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 26 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 26 May (Easter 5)

#### St Edmund's

#### 9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks  
 Bible readings: Acts 16:9-15; John 5:1-9

#### Holy Rood

#### 9.30am All Age Service

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England  
**Be Well Series - Be Well** Bible reading: Mark 1:35-39

#### 6.30pm Ascent Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Ady Elston  
**The 7 Churches - 3 Pergamum** Bible reading: Revelation 2:12-17

#### Thursday 30 May, 10.30am, Holy Communion in the Foster Room

Leader: Revd Beryl Stares Preacher: Jim Palmer

#### Thursday 30 May, 7.30pm, Ascension Day Holy Communion

St Edmund's Church, 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 also opportunity 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, 19 May

**THY KINGDOM COME** In 2019, we are again participating in the international prayer movement, 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This event invites us to 'light up the world in prayer'. Crofton Parish will be joining Thy Kingdom Come in two ways.

### Week of Prayer Mon 3 June - Fri 7 June

9-9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Rood  
12 noon Praying the Lord's Prayer (wherever you are)  
7-7.30pm Evening Prayer Mon, Wed, Fri at Holy Rood Church Tue, Thu at St Edmund's

### The Big Prayer Picnic Sun 9 June

In 2019, we are supporting Portsmouth Diocese's first Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event from 1-4pm at Portchester Castle.

1-2.30pm The Big Prayer Picnic  
2.30-4pm Prayer & Worship Event - please see The Big Prayer Picnic flyer for more details. There will be a reasonably-priced BBQ with burgers, hot dogs and drinks for sale or bring your own picnic. **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.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** The Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, asked the Bishop of Turo to carry out a review into global Christian persecution. It found "widespread evidence showing that Christians are by far the most widely persecuted religion". You are welcome to join us this **Thursday 30 May from 4-5pm** in the Oak room for our monthly Persecuted Church prayer meeting.

**NEW GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** A relaxed weekly get together for Christian parents that kids can attend. Bring your evening meal e.g. fish and chips and chat about life while getting to know other families. It starts on **Friday 7 June** and runs from **6pm-7.30pm** in the church hall. Please come and try it out!

**FOCOC OPEN DAY AT ST EDMUND'S** is being held on **Saturday 8 June** from **10.00am till 5.00pm**. The Crofton Anne Dale School choir will be singing at 11.00am and there will be historical guided tours at midday and 2.00pm. Cream teas and refreshments will be served all day and there are games, a Grand Draw, a Church quiz and the ever popular Plant Stall. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and bring your friends, admission is free. All donations go to the upkeep of St Edmund's Church.

**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](http://cff.org.uk/inthearena) (Tickets from £5).

**WELCOME** We love to welcome new people to Holy Rood and St Edmund's and we want you to feel at home. To help us get to know you please visit the welcome table at Holy Rood after the 9.30am service, or speak to a minister or steward. There are welcome packs in both churches with information about services, groups, children's and youth work and much more. **On Sunday, 16 June**, there will be a get together in the Oak Room after the 9.30am service for anyone who has joined the church in the last 6 months or so. We'd love to see you there.

## Home Group Questions Be Well - Be Well

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. 'Some Aspects of Modern Life can be Toxic to our Wellbeing'. Do you agree with this statement? What evidence do you see for and against it?
3. Jesus, our example, practices personal disciplines, lives in authentic community and has a clear sense of purpose. Are any of these areas lacking in your life at present? How could your group support each other in these areas?

**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.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The PCC are delighted to announce that, following a successful recruitment process, involving several strong candidates, **Claire Willis** has accepted the invitation to become Administrative Assistant at Crofton Parish. We look forward to Claire starting the first week in June.

### Community Cycle of Prayer

This week we pray for the residents of Windermere Avenue, Derwent Close, Grasmere Way, Ennerdale Road & Thirlmere Close. **For prayer walking please meet at the junction of Burnt House Lane & Windermere Avenue.**

## Please pray for .....

- **Sarah**, has recently started new medication. 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 at 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**, is awaiting blood results to confirm that the infection has gone and waiting to find out if they are going to treat his heart with medication as opposed to surgery. Also will be undergoing a CT scan to check the brain following a problem with his eyesight. Please pray for continued healing.
- **Jessica**, 4 years old & diagnosed with leukaemia, is still in hospital with a fungal infection, but on the mend and will be restarting chemo. Please continue to 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 John the Evangelist, Fareham**. Clergy: Revd Bruce Deans; Readers: Chris Ahern, Ian Cranstone, Caroline Deans, Alan Farrier, Jeremy Hicks, JoAnne Newton (Licensed to QA), Brian Powell, Jeannette Poulter; Wardens: Ian Cranstone, Elizabeth Webb; Parish Administrator: Helen Andrews. They give thanks for the increasing numbers attending the All-age messy church and for those who attended or developed the special "Mother's Day run aways" service held for those who find Mothering Sunday service tricky; the expansion of the college pastor scheme to incorporate the CEMAST campus at Lee on Solent. They seek prayer for more who will serve as college pastors and also for those who would pray in their own home with a friend or praying by themselves each Wednesday, as the pastors meet with the students; the planning of a 24 hour period of prayer and for the conclusion to the latest phase of the LYCIG development plans for St John's.

**Please send any prayer requests to the Parish Office  
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