



Crofton Parish Diary

May

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	9.30-11.00am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 8	9.45am	Café coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 8	12 noon	Prayer Walking please meet at the junction of Hill Head Road and Cottes Way	Cottes Way
Thu 9	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
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 11	7.30pm	FOCOC Musical Evening with the St Edmund's Singers	Hall
Sat 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Sun 19	6.30pm	Ascent , speaker, Rev Dr Ajay Pillai, Indian Inland Mission	Holy Rood
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

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 12 May

St. Edmund's: 9.30am Morning Service Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright

Holy Rood: 9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England
6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge



Sunday 5 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 5 May (Easter 2)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Beryl Stares
Bible readings: 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:11-16

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England
Be Well Series Bible readings: Acts 9:1-6; Luke 5:12-16

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England
Be Well Series Bible reading: Luke 5:12-16

6.30pm Causeway

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

Thursday 9 May, 10.30am, Holy Communion

In the Foster Room Leader: Karen Wainwright Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

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, 5 May



2020 VISION Thank you for all who came and supported the Parish at the Annual Meeting last Sunday. 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

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON Our next Family Fun is **Saturday 11 May** and our theme this time is 'The Good Samaritan'. Once again, we would be most grateful for donations of lots of small individual cakes - NOTHING WITH ANY NUTS. Please complete an allergens checklist (on the tables at the back of Holy Rood or available from the Parish Office). We also need you to continue to support these events by joining the team and coming to help. This time we need more people to help visitors to engage in the prayer activity, give out drinks and cakes, oversee the dough zone and run 'garden games' in the hall. Please continue to pray for all those involved in running the event, and that the families who come will hear and understand the story of the Good Samaritan and Jesus' love for them. If you would like to join the team please speak to Jude Greenfield or Gill Nolan or 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 Ethel 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.

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.

Home Group Questions Be Well Introduction

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. What experience have you had of helping others with their mental health/wellbeing? (NB This is a confidential exercise and group members should only share as they feel comfortable.)
3. 'We all struggle', 'Society makes it worse?' and 'God wants us well' are the three big ideas for this series. Which one particularly resonates with you and why?

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.

GRAHAM 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.

COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER

This week we pray for the residents of Cottes Way, Hurst Close, Bramble Close, Cottesway East, Elsfred Road, Sanross Close, Corfe Close & Berkeley Close. **For prayer walking please meet at the junction of Hill Head Road & Cottes Way.**

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!

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**, 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.
- **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 the **Crofton Parish of Holy Rood & St Edmund's, Stubbington**. Vicar: Revd Richard England; Assistant Minister: Revd Colin Prestidge; Curates: Revd Dan & Jude Greenfield; Retired Ministers: Revd Beryl Stares & Revd Wing Man Tsang; Readers: Gary Willcocks, Karen Wainwright & Colleen Tsang; Churchwardens: Jim Nolan & Julie Mizen; Youth Worker: Carolyn Terry; Children & Families Support Worker: Heather Brown; Worship & Festivals Team Leader: Kathryn England; Training & Discipleship Team Leader: Beth Yeandle; Parish Manager: Vicki Edwards; Vicars PA: Sue Elgie; Weddings & Baptisms Administrator: Gill Nolan. We give thanks for our latest Family Fun Day, Saturday 30 March, reaching out to over 200 people within our parish bringing the stories of Jesus alive through activities, games & fun; the New Wine Prayer ministry training day, 6 April, where over 130 people attended from congregations in the South Hants area. We seek prayer for the 19 young people who are away this weekend at Youth camp staying at Testwood Baptist Church, that they may become closer to God and want to seek Him; our new PCC members, who were elected at our APCM Sunday 28 April, as they help us move forward with the Crofton Vision.

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