



Crofton Parish Diary

September

Sun 1	10.45am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 2	1.30-3pm	OPEN	Beech Room
Tue 3	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting , speaker, Elizabeth Groves, Diocesan President	Hall
Tue 3	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting , led by Richard England	Hall
Wed 4	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group restarts	Hall
Wed 4	10.20am	Daytime Pastorate , speaker Karen Wainwright on 'Seedtime & Harvest'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Thu 5	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group restarts	Hall
Fri 6	5.30-7pm	Breathe restarts	Hall
Tue 10	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 11	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Fri 20	7pm	Leadership Summit , PCC, Staff & Home Group Leaders	Hall
Sat 21	9am	Leadership Summit , PCC, Staff & Home Group Leaders	Hall
Thu 26	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 26	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

Services on Sunday 8 September

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

Holy Rood: 9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield
Preacher: Revd Richard England

6.30pm Ascent Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield
Preacher: Jo Genter



Sunday 1 September 2019

Thank you for joining us today at Holy Rood and St Edmund's churches. You are among friends, and if you are new 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. We are glad you're here and we'd love to see you back next week.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 September (Trinity 11)

St Edmund's

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 18:9-14

11.10am Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
Bible readings: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Holy Rood

9.30am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Revd Richard England
Generation to Generation Sunday Bible readings: 1Kings 19:11-21

6.30pm Causeway - 'Fruits of the Spirit - Joy'

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

Thursday 5 September, 10.30am, Holy 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 also opportunity to make an offering during services including payment by card or Android/Apple Pay at Holy Rood. 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 seating areas marked with the loop symbol.

For information & prayer, 1 September

FEEDING THE 5000 On Saturday 7 September 11.30am - 4pm Castle Field, Southsea St Jude's Southsea are holding a free event with live music, free food & drink, kids zone and life stories & Christianity explained. Come along and be part of the miracle! For more details please see the poster.

SOLO SPONSORED BIKE RIDE Ethel would like to say a huge thank you for all the support, prayers and messages she received during her solo cycle ride to North Cape. Both charities were thrilled by the generous donations which exceeded everyone's expectations. If you would like to find out more about this exciting trip, Ethel will be giving a presentation in the Oak Room at Holy Rood on **Sunday 15 September following the 9.30 service.**

FOCOC have their **Skittles Evening at The Crofton Pub on Thursday 26 September.** There are a few spaces left, so if you're interested please contact Janet Newman for tickets which are £12 each.

CAUSEWAY is a monthly service designed to be accessible for adults with a range of additional needs. We'd love more people to join the team to help with welcome, craft, music or lead. If you feel this might be for you, chat to Jo Genter or come along to our next service **tonight, 1st September.**

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WELCOME PROJECT Holy Rood and St Edmund's are participating in a national church project to help us assess how welcoming we are and the 'first impression' impact we have on first-time attenders. Invitation cards are available at the back of the church for you to give to anyone you could ask to visit a service to help us assess how good we are at welcoming. **Those who come will need to fill in a questionnaire – copies are available from the stewards or it can be completed online <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=156027153122>** Please make sure anyone you have invited who comes along is able to access the questionnaire.



Carolyn would like to thank all those who provided cakes for our young people who attended Soul Survivor. They had an amazing time and God really blessed them. Thank you for praying for each of them - five young people gave their lives to Christ!

BRIAN DEWEY sadly died last weekend. The funeral will take place on **Thursday 12 September, 12.30pm at Holy Rood Church.** If you are hoping to attend, as parking is limited on site, where possible, please car share and make use of the village car parks. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 & JULIA MAYNARD would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support in cooking meals, mowing the grass, financial gifts and help in many other ways. They have been bowled over by the kindness shown. Graham is now back home at the start of a long recovery and they Praise God for seeing them through. He has also been to the eye hospital and they diagnosed dry macular degeneration, so need for treatment. His vision is very good and he is absolutely fine to drive.

CROFTON NEEDS YOU!

Our children's Sunday morning groups need more team members. We are looking for helpers with all age groups, but are in particular need of one or two volunteers to sit with children at craft/activity tables in Scramblers, our thriving pre-school group for 3-5 year olds. Volunteers usually help once a month but this is flexible. **If you think you could help in a Sunday morning group, or just want to find out more, please speak to Heather Brown or Jude Greenfield.** If you would prefer not to go on a rota, but would be willing to help out if a regular helper is away, please consider joining the cover list.



HOLY ROOD WELCOME TABLE Are you someone who enjoys meeting new people and welcoming them into our church family? We are looking for one or two people to help staff the Welcome Table in the Hall at 'coffee time' on the 3rd Sunday of each month. To find out more please contact Julie Mizen or Gill Nolan.

COFFEE We are looking for a few more volunteers to help prepare and serve coffee at Holy Rood. You would be part of a team of 4, and on duty once every 8 weeks. Please contact Gill Nolan or the Parish Office, if you can help.

 **We are already taking Church Centre bookings for next year, 2020,** so please will regular users of the Crofton Parish Centre at Holy Rood let the office have 2020 dates as soon as possible by email to bookings@croftonparish.org.uk

COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER This week we pray for the schools, pre-schools, Stubbington Study Centre - pray for teachers, staff, students & children. **Please note there will be NO prayer walking during the Summer holidays.**

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, sadly new medication is not working as expected, so may need to be changed. Please pray for both Sarah and Andrew as they both try to cope with it all.
- **Val**, suffering with ongoing health issues. Please pray for healing.
- **Beryl**, thanks everyone for their prayers. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.
- **Margaret**, is improving. Please continue to pray for her, Mel and the family as they face the future.
- **Graham**, is now back at home. Please pray for continued recovery. Please also pray for Julia and the girls.
- **Jessica**, 4 years old & diagnosed with leukaemia, is back home, but attending hospital daily until mid September, when she will be put onto a maintenance dose of treatment for about two years. Please continue to pray for healing and freedom from further infections. Also pray for peace & strength for the whole family.
- **Graham**, as he goes on a summer Europe to Europe mission trip to Romania. This will involve hosting a team of 15 international students leading English language projects with disadvantaged high school pupils.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St Mary's, Hook with Warsash. Clergy: Revds Mike & Nicky-Sue, Revd George Gebauer, Revd Bill Day, Revd Roger Moseley, Revd Mike Pye; Readers: Mrs June Ward, Mrs Eva Upward; Wardens: Mr Peter Upward, Mr Roger Clear. They give thanks for a new Reader in Training as she starts this exciting new venture this autumn; the Occasional Offices celebrated in August, and the opportunity to share the Gospel with people at these significant times; some new volunteers offering help in key areas and new initiatives being suggested. They seek prayer for continued wisdom as they seek God's will for their future worship patterns and music, their family & children's work, and planning for their 150th Anniversary in 2021; continued deepening of their corporate and personal prayer lives; the financial means to fund the next phase of their building repairs.

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