



Crofton Parish Diary

August

Fri 30 3pm **Calamity Jane**, with cream tea. See inside for more details. Hall

September

Sun 1	10.45am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 20	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	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
Thu 26	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 26	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

Services on Sunday 1 September

St. Edmund's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield
11.10am Holy Communion Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge

Holy Rood: 9.30am All-Age Service Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield
6.30pm Causeway A service especially for adults with learning difficulties, but everyone is welcome



Sunday 25 August 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 both churches, and stop by the welcome table at Holy Rood 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 25 August (Trinity 10)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks
Bible readings: Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Holy Rood

9.30am All-Age Service with Thanksgiving

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England
Old Testament Avengers: Isaiah

6.30pm Summer Study Series in the Hall

Led by Revd Richard England **The Bible you've never read: Hosea**

Thursday 29 August, 10.30am, Holy Communion

In the Foster Room Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England

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, 25 August

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT HOLY ROOD

All-in services at 9.30am until 25 August

Old Testament Avengers: Joshua, Deborah, Samson, David & Isaiah



Over the summer holiday period Ascent will be taking a break. Instead of services in the church, we will be meeting in the Hall at the same time on Sunday evenings. We will be looking at a different book of the Bible each week - focussing on some of those less well-known ones - so come along and get to know more about those bits you've never read! Sixth and final session **tonight, Sunday, 25 August**, looking at the book of Hosea, led by Revd Richard England. Some of these sessions will be broadcast on the Holy Rood Facebook page.

FOCOC have a stall at the **Stubbington Fayre Monday 26 August**. They will be selling jigsaws, cakes & souvenirs, so please go along and say hello. They also 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 on **1st September**.

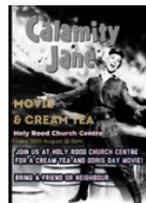


COME AND SING WITH SONGS OF PRAISE! You are warmly invited to a special outdoor Songs of Praise music recording at **The Wight Proms on Wednesday 28 August, 6.00pm - 9.00pm at Northwood House, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8AZ**. This event will be in the beautiful grounds of Northwood House, seating will be informal, please bring your own chairs or rugs to sit on the grass. To

apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. Please include 'Songs of Praise Isle of Wight' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on 0161 873 7073 to book your tickets.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART!

Please join us on **Friday 30 August at 3pm** in the Crofton Parish Centre at Holy Rood for a fun afternoon with a cream tea and a Doris Day movie classic - Calamity Jane! Bring along a friend or neighbour. The cost is £3.00 per head, if you are able. There is a sign up sheet at the back of both churches and in the Parish Office, so that we are aware of numbers for catering.



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.

CROFTON NEEDS YOU!

Our children's Sunday morning groups have been taking a break over the summer, but we will need more team members in September. 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.

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.

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

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**, has had to undergo further heart surgery, following the fitting of a pacemaker. 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.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** Today all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St Mary's, Portchester. Please pray for their clergy, readers and churchwardens. They give thanks for people recently coming to faith, and pray for good mentoring and discipleship for them. They seek prayer for the Alpha course starting in September; the new service structure starting in September, particularly their later morning service going weekly; wisdom and direction regarding their building extension plans; fresh initiatives for work among children and young people.

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

COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER This week we pray for doctors, nurses, carers, surgery staff and patients. **Please note there will be NO prayer walking during the Summer holidays.**



SOUL SURVIVOR Please pray for our young people and leaders who are presently at Soul Survivor, that they may be renewed in their faith and have a wonderful time of fellowship together. They will return on Wednesday 28 August.