



Crofton Parish Diary

March

Sun 1	11.15am	Fair Trade Stall (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Sun 1	5-6.45pm	Youth Alpha , Years 6-9	Holy Rood
Tue 3	1.30-3pm	OPEN , a support group for members of Crofton Parish who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues	Foster Room
Tue 3	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting , speaker, Ethel Brokenshire	Hall
Tue 3	7.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Hall
Wed 4	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 4	10.20am	Daytime Pastorate , talk by Revd Beryl Stares 'Cast your bread upon the waters'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Wed 4	12noon	2020 Prayer meeting	Oak Room
Thu 5	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 6	1.45pm	Stubbington & Lee World Day of Prayer Service	Holy Rood
Fri 6	5.30-7pm	Breathe , families group	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	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 26	8pm	Men's Pub Night	Crofton Pub

Services on Sunday 8 March

St. Edmund's:	9.30am Morning Service	Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright
Holy Rood:	10.00am Holy Communion	Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang
	6.30pm Ascent	Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Ronald Betewan, School of Ministries, from the Philippines



Sunday 1 March 2020

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 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 1 March (Lent 1)

St Edmund's

9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Richard England
Bible readings: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11

11.10am Holy Communion with Baptism

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Revd Richard England
Bible readings: Romans 8:12-19; Luke 10:38-42

Holy Rood

10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Revd Jude Greenfield Preacher: Beth Yeandle
Devoted: Introduction Bible reading: Luke 10:38-42

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

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

Thursday 5 March, 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 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 March

PARISH GIVING SCHEME Recently at Holy Rood, Richard spoke about what it will cost to run Crofton Parish in 2020, our Year of Invitation. A summary of what he said can be found on the latest Midweek Update video – you should have received an email with a link to the video if you are on the Congregational Database. If you already give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme, there are forms available should you wish to change the amount; if you would like to start giving regularly, please pick up a pack or contact the treasury team for more information, email treasuryteam@croftonparish.org.uk

MISSION GIVING FUND Each year Crofton Parish allocates a proportion of its income to support mission projects both nearby and around the world. If you would like to nominate an individual or organisation to receive a contribution from the Mission Giving Fund, please send an email to office@croftonparish.org.uk or vicarspa@croftonparish.org.uk to receive a copy of the application form or pop into the Parish Office to collect an application form. The details of how to apply and where to return the form are specified on the application form. **All applications must be returned by Thursday 5th March either to the Parish Office or by email.** Thank you!

STUBBINGTON & LEE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, at Holy Rood Church on Friday 6 March 1.45pm. The theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. All are welcome at this interdenominational service arranged by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. Refreshments are served after the service.



YEAR OF INVITATION: JUST ONE with J John at Portsmouth Guildhall at 7.30pm on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April (doors open at 7pm). This is a unique opportunity to bring someone with you to hear the life-changing message of Jesus. Tickets are £5 each and are available from the back of Holy Rood or the Parish Office. We are exploring the possibility of organising transport to this event. If you would be interested please contact the Parish Office. **Could you be a volunteer at either of these evening events?** Training will take place on **Wednesday 18 March 7pm at Cosham Baptist Church, 48 Havant Road, Cosham PO6 2QZ.** There is a sign up sheet at the back of Holy Rood or contact the Parish Office.

@COFE PORTSMOUTH SPRING 2020 EDITION Don't forget to pick up your copy of this magazine featuring Crofton Cat on the front cover and an article inside on our Sunday morning children's groups. Also keep up to date with what else is happening in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

EASTER LILY & FLOWER MEMORIAL For a £1 donation towards the cost of Easter Flowers, a loved one's name can appear on this Memorial List. Please complete a request slip which can be found at the back of both churches during Lent. **Closing date for requests is 10 April.**

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020—LOVING THE ENVIRONMENT Please pick up a leaflet about this year's appeal focusing on the environment and our care for the planet now, to preserve it for future generations. The principal recipient of this year's Lent Appeal will be A Rocha, and specifically their project in Ghana. If you wish to make a donation, please use one of the envelopes marked 'Bishop of Portsmouth's Lent Appeal 2020'.

Home Group Questions Devoted: Introduction Luke 10:38-42

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. What are the differences between Mary and Martha? Why might they be this way? Which one do you most relate to? Why?
3. Sitting at Jesus' feet and listening quietly is part of the practice of prayer. How do you find prayer? How could you group encourage each other in the practice of prayer?

BRIAN ROWLAND, husband of Joanna, sadly died on Saturday 15 February. His funeral is at the Portchester Crematorium on Friday 6 March at 1pm.

GET INVOLVED!

SUNDAY SERVICES TECH TEAM

Our Sunday Services Tech Team at Holy Rood needs more support, so if you have computer skills and enjoy working with others in a context which requires quick-thinking, please get in touch with the Parish Office or speak to Jim Nolan. Training is necessary and will be provided by Holy Rood.

HOLY ROOD VOLUNTEER

CHURCH CLEANERS

Could you spare an hour once a fortnight? We are looking for some additional cleaners to join one of our two groups of hard-working volunteers who clean the church every other week. If you would like to be involved in this important activity please contact the Parish Office to find out more.

Please pray for

- **Sarah**, is currently waiting for surgery. Please pray that this will reduce her pain levels and keep the Crohn's under better control.
- **Rosina**, is awaiting blood test results prior to commencing a second round of chemotherapy. Please pray for her and her family for a positive outcome.
- **Margaret**, has completed her course of radiotherapy and is feeling a little more comfortable. However, the problem still exists, but she continues to live in hope. Please continue to pray for Margaret, Mel and their family.
- **Jessica**, who was diagnosed with leukaemia when she was 4 years old, is making good progress. Please continue to pray for continued positive responses to her treatment, freedom from infection and healing. Please also pray for peace and support for her father and mother who very much appreciate your prayers.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.** **Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for Parish of St John the Evangelist, Fareham. Clergy: Revd Bruce Deans; Readers: Chris Ahern, Ian Cranstone, Caroline Deans, 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 Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020 which promotes daily Bible readings, reflections and practical suggestions on how we can better care for creation, every day during Lent. They seek prayer for the Christians Together in Fareham's Lent study course on "Life Attitudes" - that many delegates would attend.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.** **This week** we pray for youth groups—all leaders & members meeting in various venues. **Please send any prayer requests to the Parish Office** office@croftonparish.org.uk

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to the small team of volunteers who helped clean the kitchen and downstairs carpets - it has really freshened the place up.