



# Crofton Parish Diary

## March

Sun 15	5-6.45pm	<b>Youth Alpha</b> , Years 6-9	Holy Rood
Tue 17	1.30-3pm	<b>OPEN</b> , a support group for members of Crofton Parish who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues	Oak Room
Wed 18	9.30-11am	<b>Little Fish Toddler Group</b>	Hall
Wed 18	9.45am	<b>Café</b> , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 18	10am-12noon	<b>St Edmund's Church open to visitors</b>	St Edmund's
Wed 18	12noon	<b>2020 Prayer meeting</b>	Oak Room
Thu 19	10-11.30am	<b>Little Fish Toddler Group</b>	Hall
Fri 20	5.30-7pm	<b>Breathe</b> , families group	Hall
Sat 21	9am	<b>Mothers' Union</b> making Mothering Sunday posies	Maple Room
Thu 26	4-5pm	<b>Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church</b>	Oak Room
Thu 26	7.30pm	<b>PCC Meeting</b>	Hall
Thu 26	8pm	<b>No Men's Pub Night</b> - Crofton Pub closed for refurbishment	

## April

Wed 1	10.20am	<b>Daytime Pastorate</b> , talk by Revd Colin Prestidge 'Eternity in our hearts'. All welcome, coffee served from 9.45am	Oak Room
Sat 4	2-3.30pm	<b>Family Fun Afternoon</b> , £3 per family	Holy Rood
Sun 5	11.15am	<b>Fair Trade Stall</b> (1st Sunday of every month at coffee time)	Hall
Tue 7	2.00pm	<b>Mothers' Union Meeting</b> , speaker, Revd Colin Prestidge	Hall
Tue 14	2-3.30pm	<b>Cup of Tea and Company</b> , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Sun 26	4.30pm	<b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)</b>	Holy Rood

## Services on Sunday 22 March

<b>St. Edmund's:</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Service</b>	Leader/Preacher: Gary Willcocks
<b>Holy Rood:</b>	<b>10.00am All Age &amp; Baptism</b>	Leader: Sarah Donaghy Preacher: Revd Richard England
	<b>6.30pm Ascent Holy Communion</b>	Leader: Revd Wing Man Tsang Preacher: Revd Jude Greenfield



## Sunday 15 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, so please 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 15 March (Lent 3)

#### St Edmund's

#### 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
Bible readings: Ephesians 5:1-14; Luke 11:14-28

#### 11.10am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Colleen Tsang  
Bible readings: Romans 5:1-11; Luke 19:1-10

#### Holy Rood

#### 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England  
**Devoted: Generosity** Bible reading: Luke 21:1-4

#### 6.30pm Ascent

Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge  
**Foundations: Ephesians** Bible Readings: Ephesians 1:1-14

### Thursday 19 March, 10.30am, Holy Communion

In the Foster Room  
Leader/Preacher: Revd Dan Greenfield

**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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**Telephone 01329 661154 Email: office@croftonparish.org.uk**

**Website: www.croftonparish.org.uk Mobile App: www.croftonparish.org.uk/hub**

**Vicar:** Revd Richard England **Assistant Minister:** Revd Colin Prestidge  
**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, 15 March



**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. If you are planning on attending this event please could you contact the Parish Office if you would be able to provide someone with a lift. **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.

### BELONGING - JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Small Groups are the heartbeat of our church and our main form of common life. In Small Groups, we deepen relationships, are enriched through study, prayer, worship and fellowship and encouraged in our witness. If you would like to find out more, email John or Sue Elgie at [homegroups@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:homegroups@croftonparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish office.

**RECHARGE** is a new small group that meets in the Elm Room at Holy Rood at 9.15am on Thursdays for those with young children. Bible discussion and sharing life experiences in a relaxed atmosphere with toys and biscuits.

### BELONGING - 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.

**STEWARDS** Is God calling you to become a member of one of our stewarding teams - welcoming and assisting people at our Sunday services? You may feel this is a way you could serve as a family or a homegroup. If you'd like to know more or volunteer, then chat to one of the stewards or churchwardens.

**HOLY ROOD WELCOME TABLE** Are you someone who enjoys meeting new people and welcoming them into our church family? We are looking for more people to staff the welcome table in the hall at coffee time. If you would like to find out more have a chat with Julie Mizen or Gill Nolan.

**LITTLE FISH SET UP/SET DOWN** Our popular parent & toddler group which meets during term time on Wednesday and Thursday mornings is looking for additional people to assist with either setting up or setting down particularly on Thursdays.

**HOLY ROOD VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS** Do you enjoy pushing round a vacuum cleaner or flitting a duster around? Could you spare an hour once a fortnight? We are looking for some additional cleaners to join one of our two groups of friendly hard-working volunteers who clean the church every other week whilst having a chat and enjoying a cup of coffee. If you would like to be involved in this important activity please contact the Parish Office to find out more.

**DEVOTED** The Devoted booklet and sermons are available on the Crofton Parish website at [www.croftonparish.org.uk/devoted](http://www.croftonparish.org.uk/devoted). You can quickly access the current weekday readings from your mobile or tablet at the Parish hub, [www.croftonparish.org.uk/hub](http://www.croftonparish.org.uk/hub), so you can easily follow material whenever you have a spare few minutes wherever you are.

### Home Group Questions Devoted: Generosity Luke 21:1-4

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. Luke 21 describes Jesus' perspective on generosity. What is it? How do you think that differs from the perspective of the Temple?
3. Talking about giving and financial generosity isn't always easy. If you would like to, use some group time to talk (without criticism or judgement) about your own experience of generosity, both giving and receiving.

### 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 1st 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'.

**CARETAKER** The PCC are delighted to announce that, following a successful recruitment process, involving several strong candidates, **Craig Peel** has accepted the invitation to become Caretaker at Crofton Parish. We look forward to Craig starting in April.

### Please pray for .....

- **Sarah**, please pray that future surgery will reduce her pain levels and keep the Crohn's under better control.
- **Rosina**, has now stopped chemotherapy due to a bad reaction. Please continue to pray for her and her family.
- **Margaret**, is currently in hospital receiving treatment. Please pray for Margaret, Mel and their family.
- **Jessica**, who was diagnosed with leukaemia when she was 4 years old, has recently been in hospital recovering from an infection. She is now back home and has returned to school. The family thank everyone for their continued prayers.
- **Deanery Cycle of Prayer.**  
**Today** all churches in the Fareham Deanery will be praying for Parish of St John the Baptist, Locks Heath. Vicar: Gavin Foster; Curate: Mike Moritz; Retired Clergy: Megan Atkinson, Peter Coombs, David Isherwood, John Maybury, Jane Richards, David Wilson; Readers with PTO: Jan Wilson, John & Ros Nicholls; Churchwardens: Trevor Pritchard & Linda Miatt; Verger: Roger Pickard; Office Staff: Abi Elshaw & Liz Morgan. They give thanks for the Alpha Course which is coming to a close; their informal service that celebrates its 3 year anniversary next month, that it would continue to grow; their retired Clergy who continue to be a blessing in their church. They seek prayer for their Easter production The Miracle, that the people that come will have an encounter with God; their APCM next month.
- **Community Cycle of Prayer.**  
**This week** we pray for the residents of Bells Lane, Crofton Court, Angelus Close, Solent Close & Lanes End.

**Please send any prayer requests to the Parish Office**  
[office@croftonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@croftonparish.org.uk)

### Coronavirus

There will be updates available on our website and Facebook and Twitter pages. If you have signed up to our Congregational Database you will also receive updates via email. Application forms are available from the back of both churches and from the Parish Office if you would like to have your details added to the database.