



Crofton Parish Diary

March

Sun 8	5-6.45pm	Youth Alpha , Years 6-9	Holy Rood
Tue 10	2-3.30pm	Cup of Tea and Company , Bereavement Support and Friendship	Hall
Wed 11	9.30-11am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Wed 11	9.45am	Café , coffee and friendship for everyone	Oak Room
Wed 11	12noon	2020 Prayer meeting	Oak Room
Thu 12	10-11.30am	Little Fish Toddler Group	Hall
Fri 13	5.30-7pm	Breathe , families group	Hall
Tue 17	1.30-3pm	OPEN , a support group for members of Crofton Parish who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues	Oak Room
Wed 18	10am-12noon	St Edmund's Church open to visitors	St Edmund's
Sat 21	9am	Mothers' Union making Mothering Sunday posies	Maple Room
Thu 26	4-5pm	Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church	Oak Room
Thu 26	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Hall
Thu 26	8pm	No Men's Pub Night - Crofton Pub closed for refurbishment	

April

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

Services on Sunday 15 March

St. Edmund's:	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	Leader/Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge
	11.10am Holy Communion	Leader: Revd Colin Prestidge Preacher: Colleen Tsang
Holy Rood:	10.00am Morning Praise	Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Richard England
	6.30pm Ascent	Leader: Beth Yeandle Preacher: Revd Colin Prestidge



Sunday 8 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 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 8 March (Lent 2)

St Edmund's

9.30am Morning Service

Leader/Preacher: Karen Wainwright
Bible readings: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Holy Rood

10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Richard England Preacher: Revd Wing Man Tsang
Devoted: Community Bible reading: Luke 5:17-26

6.30pm Ascent

Leader: Revd Dan Greenfield Preacher: Ronald Betewan, from the Philippines
Introducing the School of Ministries

Thursday 12 March, 10.30am, Holy Communion

In the Foster Room
Leader/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 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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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, 8 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. 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.

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 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 mother & 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. You can quickly access the current weekday readings from your mobile or tablet at the Parish hub, 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: Introduction Luke 5:17-26

1. What struck you about what you heard? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. Why do you think Jesus didn't immediately heal the man? What was the man's deepest need?
3. As a group, are you aware of each other's needs? How can you pray for each other and support each other in times of difficulty?

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'.

COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER This week we pray for the residents of Burnt House Lane, Peartree Close, Metcalfe Avenue, Swanton Close, Tanges Close, Darren Close & Pinewood Close.

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 a lot of discomfort. Please pray for pain relief and a return to some normality for Margaret & Mel.
- **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 Holy Trinity and St Columba, Fareham. Stipendiary Clergy: Sally Davenport, Gregg Bakker, Wendy May Jacobs; PTO Clergy: Ann Burr, Michael Cooper, Ruth Jagger, Judy Henning, Doreen Jackson, Sylvia Martin; Reader: David Inns; Churchwardens: Judi Bushell, Clive Ellam, Philip Dickinson. They give thanks for the current refurbishment taking place at Holy Trinity (kitchen) and St Columba (external & internal); their Wardens Judi, Clive & Philip; Daphne their amazing PCC Secretary who is stepping down at their APCM; Fiona & Jackie in the Parish Office who support them so well and keep them on track; the enriching witness of their courageous and inspirational guest speakers who have come to share what life looks like from their perspectives - part of their Radical Welcome course and discernment process towards becoming an inclusive Church (<https://www.inclusive-church.org/>). They seek prayer for willing volunteers to serve on the next PCC and the duties of the PCC Secretary; for God's blessing and protection on St Columba Primary School, for Tracey Marsh, Principal, the staff, children & parents. The decision to be made by the PCC later this year as to whether or not they are ready to belong to the Inclusive Church Network - for compassion in their mutual listening, wisdom in discernment; the review of their provision for encouraging discipleship and those wishing to explore and deepen faith.

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