



Crofton Parish during Covid19

Dear Crofton Parish,

As we move into the autumn, more groups are starting or restarting. Here goes!

Our REBUILD Gift Day is on Sunday 4 October 2020. On this weekend, I am asking everyone to make a one-off gift to Crofton Parish above and beyond their regular giving.



Hopefully, you have seen the short video about the REBUILD Gift Day. If not, it's available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTkboBcmNDI>. This is an important moment for Crofton Parish as we try to REBUILD financially so we can continue to serve our communities in a post-Covid world.



Woman's Hour is new: a monthly Zoom meeting for women hosted by Kathryn England. Meeting online every second Saturday at 8pm, Woman's Hour is a relaxed, friendly environment to share, pray and be encouraged together.

Each month, there will be pre-recorded input from Cathy Madavan on the topic of resilience, with insights from her latest book 'Irrepressible'.

There are more details on the Holy Rood Facebook page. The Zoom details you need to join are:

Zoom Meeting ID: **203 672 5144**

Password: **croftoncat**



St Edmund's is restarting Sunday services this week. This is a wonderful step forward and I am so grateful to Sorel Mitchell, Gary Willcocks and the many others who have helped to get us to this point.

If you are a member of St Edmund's, you should have received an initial letter with more details about how you can participate. In order to maintain physical distance, we have separated the congregation into two: Side A and Side B. This means everyone will be able to attend St Edmund's fortnightly. The invitations to join either Side A or Side B will be going out in stages during September. If you haven't received an invitation by the end of the month, please do let Gary, Sorel or the Parish Office know.



Nearly all of our new 'Streams' are up and running and it's been wonderful to see people in person at church. One of the differences between Streams and church services is that they are much more dependent on the active participation of everyone involved. This is, of course, much closer to the New Testament's vision of the people of God.

While not everyone will be ready to join a physical meeting yet, if you consider yourself a regular member of Crofton Parish, please do what you can to support your Stream. Your presence makes a difference and your active involvement will be what makes these groups work.

Finally, I was at The Vine Stream this week. It was so wonderful to be with that group, who are learning how to trust God as a new community through this time.

We reflected on the story of the Fiery Furnace and I offered them this simple thought on how we negotiate times of difficulty and trial:

*This is really happening
but God is really here*

May you know His presence this week,

Richard