



**Crofton Parish
during Covid19**

Dear Crofton Parish,

Born To Run

This week, we begin a new series for the autumn – 'Born to Run', based on the words from Hebrews 12 – 'Run with perseverance the race marked out for you'. This Sunday, in particular, I will be speaking on why someone should run *this* race – why follow Jesus, why commit your life to this path? I hope it will be relevant to a wide range of people, so do tune in and share with friends and family.

In case you were wondering: yes, you will be hearing Bruce Springsteen a lot.



Before then, we have our first Woman's Hour Zoom meeting!

Hosted by Kathryn England 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**



Don't forget that 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. 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.

More details about how to give to the REBUILD Gift Day will come out with next week's letter.

Finally, like many of you, I watched this week's Government Briefing on changes to guidance and regulations. At present, those changes don't affect places of worship and we can continue to meet for services and Streams at both Holy Rood and St Edmund's as long as we follow the Covid-secure guidance.

In addition to our services and Streams, we are working to be able relaunch groups for primary children and young people, a hugely important part of our community.

However, we do need to accept that restrictions may tighten and be prepared for further adjustments. We have tried to 'plan for the worst' in the ways we have re-opened at both churches, but this week has reminded us all that we don't know what the autumn and winter will hold.

Please, then, can I urge you to do these simple things:

1. Cultivate your own devotional life of prayer and Bible reading;
2. Commit to the things we *can* do together: Church Online, services and Streams; and
3. Care for yourself and those around you.

The autumn and winter may be a bumpy ride, but if we can do these three things, we will get through.

God bless you

Richard