



**Crofton Parish  
during Covid19**

*Dear Crofton Parish*

This week, I have some sad news to share in the midst of all that is happening. Please can I ask you to continue to pray for the Parish as we walk through the weeks and months ahead?



## **Crofton** HARVEST *Festival*

This weekend is our first ever Community Harvest Festival. This has been a great way to celebrate Harvest as a community even if we can't have our traditional Harvest services. Dan and I produced a school assembly video for our primary schools and we have been collecting for the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank. The Crofton Lions ran a collection stall in the village and, as you will see, received loads of donations – and a lot more has been brought in during the week!



The Community Harvest Festival has been running online through a new [Facebook page](#) – do have a look. Church Online this weekend will be our Harvest Festival service.



THANK YOU for your financial generosity through the REBUILD Gift Day. This was such an important moment for us as a parish and I am so grateful to God for his gracious provision through your giving.

So far, we have raised **£33,000** which, when GiftAid is added, will become £40,000. This is absolutely wonderful – thank you! This gets us a long way towards ending 2020 strongly and going into 2021 with confidence.

If you haven't yet contributed to the REBUILD Gift Day – it's not too late! All the details are on our website [croftonparish.org.uk/rebuild](http://croftonparish.org.uk/rebuild)



This Saturday is the second of our new, monthly Woman's Hour Zoom meetings. Hosted by Kathryn England, Woman's Hour is a relaxed, friendly environment to share, pray and be encouraged together.

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

The Zoom details you need to join are below. Woman's Hour starts at 8pm on Saturday evening.

Zoom Meeting ID: **203 672 5144**

Password: **croftoncat**



Our new Men's Shed group is holding its first in-person meeting since lockdown on Friday 23 October at 2pm at Holy Rood. Jeff Gennings will be speaking on his experiences in Liberia.

All men are welcome at this meeting. More details will go out by email next week.

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I'm very sad to let you know that John Guest died on Monday morning after a short stay in hospital. John had recovered from myeloma but had been suffering for a few weeks before his health deteriorated rapidly. Like many of you, I am shocked at this sad news. All of our hearts go out to Christine and John's family.

John's funeral will be on Thursday 22 October at 12noon at Holy Rood and will be by invitation only, due to the current restrictions on numbers at funerals. However, we will livestream John's funeral so, if you wish to, you can participate online.

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Finally, let me remind you of Paul's words in Romans 12.15 – 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.' As a community bound together by love, we are never solely on our own, our journeys are intermingled and we have the joy and privilege of walking through this year together. So, let's keep praying for each other, looking out for each other, sharing in moments of joy and caring in moments of sadness, knowing that the Lord Jesus is present to us through it all.

With love,

Richard