



**Crofton Parish
during Covid19**

Dear Crofton Parish,

This week, after a break for our Crofton Community Harvest Festival, we are back with our 'Born to Run' teaching series at Church Online and in Streams.



Over the last couple of weeks, it's been wonderful for me to be at a number of Stream meetings. There have been baptisms, creativity, high energy family gatherings, amazing Bible teaching and powerful times of prayer and worship. I am so grateful to the Stream hosts and everyone responsible for the Stream meetings for all the time, effort and care they are putting into these important groups.

REBUILD GIFT DAY



The latest update on the REBUILD Gift Day is that, so far, we have raised over **£40,000**. Amazing – 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

A TIME TO REMEMBER



On Saturday and Sunday this weekend, from 2-4pm, Holy Rood will be open for anyone who has been bereaved to come in, remember their loved one and light a candle.

You and anyone you know are very welcome to make use of this time.

APCM

Our APCM is next Sunday, 25 October, at 7pm on Zoom. Joining details will be sent out separately next week. If you can't access Zoom, there will be a small number of places available at Holy Rood where you can watch and participate. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

Nominations for PCC and Deanery Synod close on Monday.

JOHN GUEST

Last week, I shared the sad news of John Guest's death. John's funeral will be this Thursday 22 October at 12noon. Because numbers are strictly limited, attendance at the service at Holy Rood will be by invitation only. However, Christine has asked that the service be livestreamed so that anyone can watch online.

You will be able to watch John's funeral on the Holy Rood Facebook page (just like Church Online) or through the Parish website at croftonparish.org.uk/live.

The country has now been divided into tiers ("It'll all end in tiers", as the joke goes). Our local communities are presently in the lowest tier (Medium risk), but the months ahead are going to be challenging for everyone.

Taking care of ourselves, each other and our communities will be essential through the autumn and winter. So, practising 'self-care' is not an optional extra. This doesn't mean being selfish or lazy, but it means pacing ourselves so that we can still love and serve our communities in Jesus' name through the pandemic and afterwards.

On November 15 and 22, we will be picking up these themes in 'Be Well 2020'. The two weeks will feature an interview with Will van der Hart, Director of the Mind and Soul Foundation, a charity that explores the connection between Christianity and mental health. I know these mornings will be important for all of us, so please do make time to join in.

In the meantime, take care of yourself and let the Lord take care of you, so you can continue to care for those around you in Jesus' name.

With love,

Richard