



Crofton Parish during Covid19

Dear Crofton Parish,

It's the first full week of Lockdown 2. Happily, there has been positive news this week about transmission rates dropping and the possibility of the first vaccine being deployed as early as next month. For now, we will have to bear with the tighter restrictions on our lives but it does look as if there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Woman's Hour



Our monthly Woman's Hour Zoom meeting is this weekend! Hosted by Kathryn England, Woman's Hour is a relaxed, friendly environment to share, pray and be encouraged together. Those who have joined in this welcoming new group already have spoken warmly of the support and encouragement it offers. If you've been before, why not invite someone from your home group or Stream to join you?

The Zoom details you need to join are below. Woman's Hour starts at **8pm** on **Sat 14 November**.

Zoom Meeting ID: **203 672 5144**

Password: **croftoncat**

Quiet Prayer

During Lockdown 2, we are open for private prayer on Thursdays at these times:

Thurs 10am-12noon - Holy Rood
Thurs 3-4pm - St Edmund's
Thurs 7-8pm - Holy Rood

You don't need to book in advance for any of these slots. We will, of course, still be operating in a Covid-secure manner. There will always be someone to talk to or pray with at these times, just ask.



Christmas at Home

Advent Sunday is November 29 and our theme this year is 'Christmas at Home'. I made a short video about this which you can watch on Facebook or via our YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/H5wJIZfYrfM>

This year, we have the opportunity to discover a different side of the Christmas story: how much of it happened 'at home'. And, we have the chance to discover again that our homes can be places of God's presence and blessing as much as anywhere else.

I hope you'll enjoy exploring this aspect of the Christmas story and will join in as much as you can!

Heather Brown

Heather has been employed as our Assistant Children's Worker for over 5 years. Much of Heather's role has been to provide support at Little Fish as well as supporting Sunday morning children's groups and Family Fun Afternoons. Sadly, we have not been able to put any date on when Little Fish will start again. So, Heather's role has been made redundant.

Heather wants to say thank you to the church community who have been so loving and kind:

'Thank you for all the support you've given me. The words of encouragement that have kept me going. I appreciated it all: those who set out and cleared toys, tables and chairs, those who adopted a 'can do' attitude and a smile no matter how messy the craft, those who poured drinks which were so gratefully received, those who made sure every adult and child received a friendly welcome, those who read stories and sang songs, and so much more...I shall miss the team and the families, but I know it's the right thing for now.'

I am so grateful to Heather for all she has contributed over the years. Her care for families and creativity are really special. Happily, Heather and Dave aren't going anywhere and I know they will continue to be a special part of Holy Rood for years to come.

For Prayer

Please continue to pray for Will Wainwright, still currently in QA, and feeling very low. He is hoping that once he has received a negative COVID-19 test, he will be moved to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital where he will continue with his physio. Karen would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support, which has been very much appreciated.

Please also continue to pray for Sophie Fairall, as she continues her treatment and for her family, as they continue to support her.

Don't forget that the **Parish Office** is open Mon - Fri 9am - 12noon. Either phone 01329 661154 or email office@croftonparish.org.uk to get in touch. In an emergency, call 07856 016032.

If you need help or are able to offer help please email help@croftonparish.org.uk or if you would like to receive prayer please email prayer@croftonparish.org.uk.

Many of us will be starting to get ready for Advent and Christmas. As much as ever, this year we will remind ourselves that Jesus was called Immanuel – 'God with us.' May you discover afresh the wonder of this again.

With much love,

Richard