



## Crofton Parish during Covid19

*Dear Crofton Parish,*

As the summer term begins, we can look forward to more aspects of life resuming. While restrictions will be with us for some time yet, as a Parish we can start doing a bit more this term than we have done since early last year, which is a real joy.

With this email, you'll find a Summer Term card with some important dates on.

**APCM - Sunday 25 April 2021, 7pm via Zoom (or at Holy Rood)**

This Sunday is our Annual Church Meeting. Like last year, it will be on ZOOM. If you can't access Zoom, however, you are welcome to come to Holy Rood, where you can watch on a livestream. (Do let the Parish Office know if you plan to come to Holy Rood.)

All the papers you need, along with joining instructions, can be found at [croftonparish.org.uk/apcm](https://croftonparish.org.uk/apcm), including the Annual Report, which I suggest you read before the meeting!

Here are the Zoom details:

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99177957463>

Meeting ID: 991 7795 7463 Passcode: APCM2021

Phone access to meeting 0203 901 7895 Passcode 11616367

In these extraordinary times, our APCM is an opportunity to look back with gratitude and forward with hope. I do hope you'll join in. The Zoom Room opens at 6.50pm for a 7pm start.



### **Church Online with Congregations – from Sunday 2 May**

I am delighted that, from 2 May, there will be a congregation at Holy Rood as part of Church Online. We will be 'pooling' our Streams together so that, over a month, everyone can come and we stay within our Covid-secure capacity.

You should have been told which Sunday of the month your Stream has been allocated to. If you haven't heard yet, please contact the parish office. Stream meetings will continue for now, as well.

Doors open for Church Online at **9.45am**. Please don't arrive earlier than this, as you'll have to queue outside.

This is the next step, not the last step, in reopening Holy Rood. It will be another learning curve for all of us, but I am really looking forward to being in the room together.



### **Licensing of Rev Jude Greenfield and Rev Sam Martell – Sunday 2 May, 2.30pm**

Jude and Sam will be licensed as Team Vicars of the parish of North Gosport at St Mary's, Rowner next week. Do pray for them as they begin this exciting new season.

If you are interested in getting involved with the church plant into St Mary's in autumn 2021, it's not too late! Do talk to Jude or me.

**Crofton United** (for YR-Y6) and **Crofton Youth** (Y7+) both resume in-person meetings over the next week. **Crofton United** restarts at 4pm on Sun 25 April and **Crofton Youth** at 7pm on Sun 2 May. If you have children or young people in your household, do bring them along.

### **New Test & Trace Guidelines**

The guidelines for NHS Test & Trace recently changed, meaning all adults need to 'check in' to venues as individuals, rather than households. These guidelines apply to all venues, including churches. At Holy Rood or St Edmund's, you can check in either using the smartphone app or the paper forms. Thanks for your help with this.

## **Prayer**

Please pray for Rev Beryl Stares and her family. As you may know, Beryl went into QA last weekend. Very sadly, she has received a terminal diagnosis and she and Ernie have now moved into Solent Cliffs Nursing Home, where they can both be looked after and Beryl can receive the care she needs. This will be an immense shock and sadness to many of us. Please pray for Beryl and Ernie and their extended family as they come to terms with this very sad news.

Please also pray for Jim and Gill Nolan. This week, it was confirmed that Jim has a non-malignant brain tumour. Treatment will be decided in the next couple of weeks. Please do hold up Jim, Gill and their family in your prayers.

With love,

Richard



**WE ARE  
HERE**

## **Summer Term 2021**

**While we remain under Covid-restrictions for some time yet, aspects of Crofton Parish will be restarting this term.**

**Sun 25 Apr**

**4pm Crofton United restarts**

**7pm APCM**

**Sun 2 May**

**Congregations restart at Holy Rood**

**2.30pm Licensing Service  
of Jude Greenfield & Sam Martell  
as Team Vicars of N Gosport (St Mary's)**

**7pm Crofton Youth restarts**

**Sun 30 May**

**11am Car Park Church at Holy Rood**

**Fri 4 June**

**Young at Heart Details to follow**

**Fri 9–Sun 11 July**

**Parish 150th Birthday Celebration  
This year, Crofton Parish is 150 years old!  
We will be marking this special occasion  
with a weekend of activities, guidelines  
permitting. Look out for more details.**