



Crofton Parish
during Covid19

Dear Crofton Parish,



I am so pleased that we will be restarting live congregations at Holy Rood from **this Sunday, 2 May**. This feels like an important step forward in 'starting over' as a Parish. Thank you for your patience and understanding over how long it has taken to get back into Holy Rood on Sunday mornings: we were very reluctant to take a start/stop approach to reopening. Like many of you, I am hopeful that these careful steps forward are the beginning of a wider unlocking of our life together.

During May, as part of reopening, we will be running a short teaching series called 'We Are Here'. Based on passages from the letter to the Ephesians, we will remind ourselves why we are here and what we are here for. I hope it will be an encouragement to all of us.

Other things coming up this week include:



Crofton Youth restart in-person meetings on Sunday 2 May too.

If you have a young person in Y7-Y13, they can come along to Holy Rood for 7pm on Sunday evening.



The licensing of **Jude Greenfield** and **Sam Martell** as Team Vicars of North Gosport is this **Sunday, 2 May at 2.30pm**. Numbers for the service are restricted, so it is by invitation only. Please do pray for Sam and Jude on Sunday as they begin this new chapter.

WOMAN'S HOUR

After a break in April, **Woman's Hour** returns next Saturday evening 8 May from **8-9pm on Zoom**. These monthly online gatherings have been invaluable for those involved, both encouraging and supportive as we journey through this strange time. Any women are welcome to join in, even if you've not been before. This month will include the final input from Cathy Madavan's video series on resilience.

Advance notice: for the final Woman's Hour in June, we will be having a 'get to know you' with Rev Sam Martell.

Here are the Zoom login details:

Zoom Meeting ID: **203 672 5144**

Password: **croftoncat**



Finally, for those of you who were at the APCM on Zoom last Sunday, you will know that this year's recipient of the Charlie Crane Cross was Margaret Quirk. My sincere thanks to Margaret for all she continues to contribute to the life of Crofton Parish.

Prayer

As I mentioned last week, please continue to hold Jim and Gill Nolan and Beryl and Ernie Stares in your prayers. Thank you.

With love,

Richard