



FRIENDS OF CROFTON OLD CHURCH

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15th March 2020

Dear Member,

As you are aware the Friends of Crofton Old Church Annual General Meeting is due to take place at St Edmunds Church on Saturday April 4th.

Due to the current worldwide health crisis, the committee and I have decided to cancel this public meeting.

This is a decision that has not been taken lightly and has been done with your health and welfare in mind. Many of our members fall into the 'highly at risk' category and, though the chances of infection are very small, it has been considered an unnecessary situation to place people in.

As you will have seen in the last newsletter, one reason for holding the AGM is to elect the Officers and Committee Members for the coming year. All the Officers and the two Committee Members eligible for re-election have been proposed and seconded and the positions are uncontested. With this in mind, I propose that the Committee is re-elected for another year. If you have any concerns or comments please contact me by phone on 01329 662823 or by email at chairman@fococ.co.uk.

Annual subscriptions that are normally paid at the AGM can be given to the Treasurer by cash or cheque, made payable to 'Friends of Crofton Old Church', and sent to 56 Carisbrooke Avenue, Hill Head, Fareham, PO14 3PR.

As nobody knows how the current situation will continue or develop, we have also decided to cancel the Soup and Sandwiches event in May. At the moment it is still planned to hold the Open Day at St Edmunds on 6th June, but I shall keep you informed as things develop.

Yours faithfully

Peter Gladwell

Dear Members of FOCOC

You will probably be aware that the Archbishop of Canterbury has decided that in light of the current circumstances, and in line with Government guide lines, churches will not be open for public worship. Therefore, we are sad to say, that for the time being St Edmund's will not be available for public services. The situation will be monitored closely so that we can resume our normal worship pattern as soon as possible.

In the meantime at 10 am each Sunday Holy Rood will effectively become a studio running a short live service enabling people to participate in the worship on line. Details about this will be made available on the Crofton Parish website (www.croftonparish.org.uk.)

Gary and Sorel

Deputy Wardens for St Edmund's