Try a scan with Bitdefender online.
http://www.bitdefender.com/scan8/ie.html

Kaspersky
http://www.kaspersky.com/scanforvirus

As you stated the problem it sounds like a hardware component is failing, or your Windows is really messed up. If it just random crashes then your Windows is just getting messed up worse. My advice if you don't know alot about computers is just to bring it to a pc shop since there's some things that has to be tested if its hardware sided..
Unless you dont know what your doing you could try:

_Complete reinstall
_hdd test
_mem test

But like I said there's alot of things that has to be tested if its hardware matic so..