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*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



October 2025



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Froxfield
Choir
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The Armed Man:

A Mass For Peace
by Karl Jenkins

Froxfield Choir

St Peter's, High Cross, GU32 1EQ
Saturday 8th November 2025 at 7.30pm

with West Forest Sinfonia, Matthew Cooke and Chris Gardner

Tickets £18 (£12 students) from
TicketSource or on the door
www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

St Peter High Cross

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Tickets from Froxfield Stores or Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 tongventhams@gmail.com

Film Night Plus at Privett – Saturday 22 November

This is a "trailer" for the Film Night at Privett Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 22 November, beginning promptly at 7.00 pm – a reminder to put the date in your diary.



The film we are showing is *Mr Burton*, which tells the story of the adolescence of Richard Burton, mentored and encouraged by his inspirational schoolteacher, Mr Burton, from whom Richard took his stage name. It is the back story of one of Britain's most famous actors.

It is one of those films built on the performances of fine British film actors – Toby Jones and Lesley Manville, with the rising actor Harry Lawley.

Supper will be served before the film.
Full details of the film, supper and tickets will be included in November's Parish Magazine – for now, all you need to do is "save the date".

And if you want to see the real trailer for the film, go to this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K80NXtZZQ8I>

Froxfield Choir



Froxfield Choir will be singing **The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace** by **Karl Jenkins** at St Peter's, High Cross, on Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm. We will be accompanied by a small number of players from West Forest Sinfonia, along with organist Matthew Cooke and pianist Chris Gardner. Tickets are available via

TicketSource or through members of the choir. Next Spring we will be singing Duke Ellington again, at the Petersfield Musical Festival, and before that there's the annual carol service at Privett on Saturday 20th December. A reminder that we always welcome new members, particularly tenors and basses. Come along any Thursday evening at 7.45pm and give it a go! For more information go to www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk or contact the choir secretary Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com.



St Peter's Church High Cross invite you to a village

Harvest Supper



A fun family harvest celebration with delicious food – everyone welcome

Froxfield Village Hall

Saturday 11th October

6:30p.m.

Two Course Supper (Veggie option available)

Entry by pre- booked ticket

£10 Adult £5 Child £25 family of 4

from Froxfield Stores or Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 tongventhams@gmail.com



St Peter High Cross Autumn FUNDRAISING EVENTS

It has been a busy summer at St Peter's High Cross.

Thank you to those of you who came along to our English Summer Afternoon event and enjoyed an afternoon of cricket, cream teas, bell ringing and hymns and Pimm's! All who came agreed it was a fun event.

Over the summer, the PCC have been working on progressing the plans for improvements to facilities in the church and looking at replacing the heating system which we have discovered **urgently needs doing this autumn** before the winter temperatures winds start to bite!

As part of our fundraising efforts to make these improvements happen, we are putting on two events this autumn.

On 11th October we invite you to join us for a fun family two course harvest supper with delicious home cooked food in Froxfield Village Hall. Both meat and veggie options will be available along with a cash bar for alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

For catering purposes entry is by pre- booked ticket (£10 Adult £5 Child £25 family of 4) Please invite your friends and get your order in as soon as possible so as not to be disappointed.

On 15th November members of the Winchester Cathedral curator's team will be coming to the village hall to deliver a talk (with a glass of wine and light refreshments) about Louisa Pesel, a remarkable Victorian woman and inspiration for Tracy Chevalier's book " A Single Thread". Come along and discover how Louisa Pesel is linked to our church in High Cross.

For more information and tickets please contact Suzanne Tong on 01730 260430 or tongventhams@gmail.com



Tuesday 7th October

Privett Village Hall

7.30pm

**AGM & a talk by Marina
Christopher**

**‘Thugs & Wimps in the naturalistic
garden’**

**Non-members are very welcome
£3**

www.fpgarden.club



Thanks again to Steve Sargent for helping us out and delivering the magazine again this month.

Caroline & Steve Dillon

Cover

This month's cover is a photo from Tidda Dobbs. It was sunnier when she took the photo, but I thought we need the sun! Tidda said tat it was 'a field in Privett of Phacilia and buckwheat, with Privett Church in the background. Thanks, Tidda.

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across - 1 Thread, 5 Truthful, 9 Clavichord, 10 Burn, 11 Flash mob, 12 Retain, 13 Dior, 15 Economic, 18 Slapdash, 19 Tint, 21 Aghast, 23 Overcoat, 25 Scut, 26 Reinstated, 27 Blackleg, 28 Reside.

Down - 2 Halal, 3 Eavesdrop, 4 Decamp, 5 Troubleshooting, 6 Underdog, 7 Habit, 8 Ukrainian, 14 Illogical, 16 Opticians, 17 Pastoral, 20 Censor, 22 Antic, 24 Amend.

Useful Local Numbers



Petersfield Hospital (8am-8pm)
Swan St, Petersfield GU32 3LB Tel: 023 8231 9000

Doctors Surgeries

The Swan Surgery, Swan Street, Petersfield, GU32 3AB
Tel: 01730 264 546 / 01730 264 011

The Grange Surgery, The Causeway, Petersfield GU31 4JR
Tel: 01730 267722

Library

Petersfield Library, 27 The Square, Petersfield GU32 3HH
Tel: 0300 555 1387

Leisure Centre

Taro Leisure Centre, Penns, Place, Petersfield GU31 4EX
Tel: 01730 263 996

Festival Hall

Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4EA Tel: 01730 264182

East Hampshire District Council

Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX Tel: 01730 266551

Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE)

Customer services Tel: 0345 070 7373

Southern Water

Customer services (emergencies) Tel: 0330 303 0368

Vets

Archway Vets, 36a Dragon Street, Petersfield, GU31 4JJ
Tel: 01730 262101

St Peter's Vets, 18 St Peter's Road, Petersfield, GU31 4AA
Tel: 01730 266431

Courtesy of Fiona Holroyde



Sunday 2 Nov	The Fireworks are back! Please visit Froxfield Village Hall Website for tickets. Gates open at 5pm. Food, Bar, Bonfire and Fireworks!
Saturday 8 Nov	Drop-in 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Saturday 15 Nov	PCC Evening Talk and Supper. Please contact Suzanne Tong for more info.
Friday 21 Nov	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p
Saturday 29 Nov	Wreath Making workshop with Libba Morrison. More info to come.

Booking the Village Hall

If you're interested in booking the hall or would like more information, please get in touch with us at enquiries@froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk. You can also book the hall directly through our website www.froxfieldivillagehall.co.uk.





Froxfield Village Hall Update

You may have already heard the exciting news – Froxfield Fireworks are back!

We're really excited about the return of this much-loved village event and we hope the evening will bring the whole village together to enjoy food, fun, and of course a spectacular bonfire and fireworks display.

We're busy working behind the scenes to make the evening a success, but we can't do it without volunteers. There are lots of jobs to do both before and on the night; from making brownies and serving refreshments to helping with stewarding, setting up, or tidying away afterwards. Whatever time or help you can give, we'd be hugely grateful.

If you're able to lend a hand, please get in touch with Kate on 07702 411621.

Please buy tickets, invite friends and family and support us in any way you can. Let's all pull together to make this a brilliant village event and ensure it returns for years to come!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2 Oct	PC Meeting from 7.30pm, all welcome.
Saturday 11 Oct	Drop-In 10.30am - 12 noon. Meet over a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake.
Saturday 11 Oct	Harvest Supper from 6.30pm. A fun family harvest celebration with a delicious 2 course supper. Tickets available from Froxfield Stores and Suzanne Tong.
Friday 17 Oct	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14's free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p

The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett in the Diocese of Portsmouth Benefice Worship OCTOBER (Green)

If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct our course. Galatians 5.25

Sunday 5th October: Trinity 16

8.30am Holy communion (BCP, said) **Steep**
10am TenAM, Steep
(informal worship for all ages)
10am Harvest Festival, High Cross

Sunday 12th October: Trinity 17

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Stroud**
10am Parish Communion, **Steep**

Sunday 19th October: Trinity 18

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Steep**
10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Saturday 25th October: Steep

4pm Service of Rembering and Thanksgiving
Remembering loved ones who have sadly died, and giving thanks for their love. All welcome

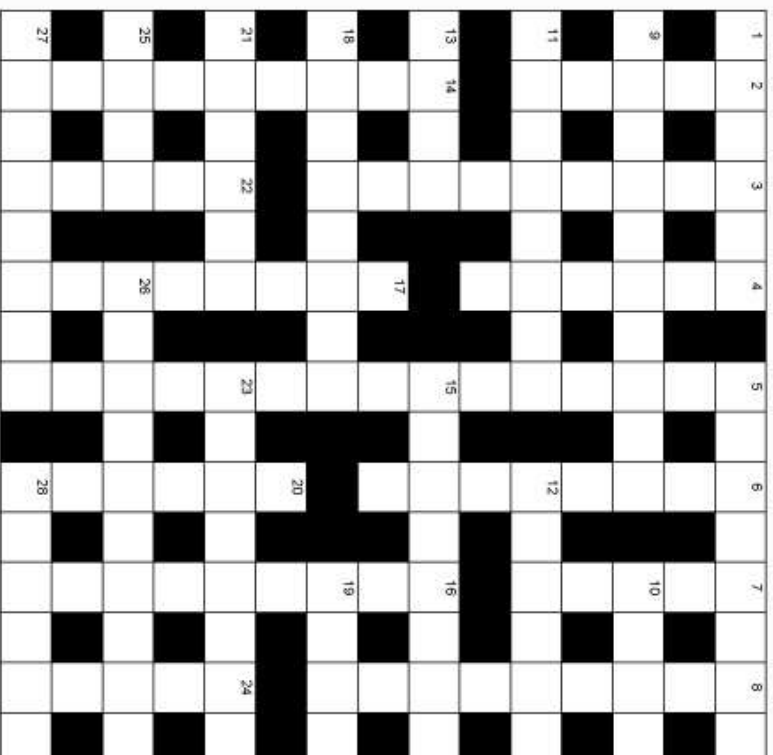
Sunday 26th October: Trinity 19

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said) **Stroud**
10am Parish Communion, **Steep**
11am Morning Prayer,(BCP), **Froxfield Green**

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice.
For further information, request our weekly emailed news sheet at steepfroxfielprivett@gmail.com.
or visit our website www.steepfroxfield.com

Steep: All Saints' GU32 2DD; Stroud Church GU32 1AT
High Cross, St Peter's, GU32 1EQ; Froxfield Green, GU32 1DQ;
Privett: Holy Trinity, GU34 3PE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 A long thin strand of cotton or other fibre used in sewing or weaving

5 Honest

9 An early keyboard instrument

10 Ignite

11 A group of people, dancers or musicians, who gather spontaneously in a public place to perform briefly for the onlookers, then disperse (5,3)

12 Keep

13 French fashion designer (1905-1957), Christian -----

15 Relating to financial or practical necessity

18 Slipshod, done in a haphazard manner

19 Slight colour

21 Filled with horror or shock

23 Outdoor garment

25 Rabbit's tail

26 Restored to a former situation

27 A strike breaker

28 Dwell

Down

2 Meat from an animal slaughtered according to Islamic law

3 Secretly listen to another's conversation

4 Depart suddenly or secretly

5 'Shot in globe tour' (anag).

6 A loser or predicted loser in a struggle or contest

7 One's usual way of behaving

8 Native of an East Slavic and ethnic group of Eastern Europe

14 Lacking sense or sound reasoning

16 Specialists who provide lenses to correct visual defects

17 Rural

20 An official who examines books, films etc. to remove offensive material prior to publication

22 Prank, stunt

24 Alter, revise

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GU32 1EQ

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If you would still wish to continue to receive a monthly **printed** copy of the Parish Magazine, please complete the form below and deliver it, along with a cheque payable to PCC Froxfield with Privett for £15 (or cash), to: Howard Bevis, Froxfield Stores and Post Office, 13 Dellfield, Froxfield, Petersfield, GU32 1EH as he has kindly offered to take in the forms

Please note that all orders and payments must be received before 14th December 2025 in order to determine the size of the print run. It causes more work if you send in a late form so we will not be taking in any late applications this year and you will need to view the magazine online instead.

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Please note:

Please be aware that there will be strict adherence to the deadline this time, It is not fair on those collecting and collating subscriptions, to have them coming in in dribs and drabs after the then. Howard has been asked not to take any more forms after the deadline, so please do not blame him if he refuses to take late forms.



The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton
(01420 82802)

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

OPENING TIMES Tuesday to Saturday

Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm

ALLEN GALLERY

Ceramicus

The Allen Gallery is delighted to welcome back Ceramicus from October 4th to 31st.

This talented group of local potters is based in the Surrey and Hampshire area. They come together to exhibit their work, which covers a wide range of throwing, hand building and sculpting methods with various types of clay. Followed by a spectrum of glazing and firing techniques - wood burning kilns, "raku" methods and traditional gas and modern electronically controlled kilns.

Come and browse, perhaps choose some early Christmas presents!
FREE entry

Adult Well-being Workshop.

FREE but booking essential See website.

Calligraphy and Origami

Tuesday 22nd October 10am - 4pm Age: 18+.

Talk sponsored by the Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery.

Bees by Lesley Ann Morris. 9th October, 7.30pm.

All talks are in the Allen Gallery. **FREE.** donations welcome.

CURTIS MUSEUM

As a follow-up to our recent Anglo-Saxon theme -

Saxons vs Vikings - Follow our **activity trail** with two routes, Saxons or Vikings? Choose a side and join its boot camp on this fun family trail.

Make a Shield to blend in with your chosen team. Only £2 per shield with craft materials provided.

2nd September - 24th October, 10am -4.30pm.

4th November - 29th November 10am - 4.30pm.

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery continued

Half-term Fun in the Curtis and Allen

The Curious Case of the Haunted Exhibits

Can you uncover the mystery of the Haunted Exhibits this October half-term? Join us on this spooky self-led activity trail around the Curtis Museum.

There is a mission for our younger visitors - we have clay ghosts hidden around the Museum, can you find them all?

Pumpkin Spotter Trail - can you find all the hidden pumpkins round the Allen Gallery?

Communal Craft: The Ghostly Gathering - you can decorate and add a ghost to our communal mural! (Curtis).

25th October - 1st November, 10am -4.30pm, (drop in).
£2 per trail, to include Halloween prize.

Clay Ghost Workshop (Allen Gallery)

Make your own spooky (or silly) ghost from air-dry clay. All ages welcome. 28th October 11am - 3pm. (drop in)

£2 per child, 5th craft free.

Make your own Ectoplasm. Slimy gooey fun with our own Museum "ectoplasm" mix. (Curtis Museum) 30th October 11am-3pm (drop in)
£2 per child, 5th craft free.

Museum by Torchlight (Curtis Museum)

Keeping the creepy theme, dare you come on the Halloween torchlight trail? Spooky storytelling, Halloween challenges.

31st October, 5.30pm - 7.30pm. (drop in) £3.75 per child, adults free.

Spooky Film Night (Allen Gallery)

Family-friendly Halloween film. 6pm, 29th October. Ticketed. Details on website or at venue.

Doty the Dodo's Autumn Fact Hunt - a free Family Trail. Doty has hidden some more facts from the natural world around the Curtis Museum. Can you find them all and earn your Doty the Dodo sticker?
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Our new Garden Club year commences with the AGM on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at Privett Village Hall at 7.30pm. After the usual brief Club business meeting our speaker for the evening will be Marina Christopher who will be sharing her expertise on 'Thugs & wimps in the naturalistic garden'. Marina is a highly respected Plants Woman who runs Phoenix Perennial Plants, a small specialist working nursery that propagates and grows plants on site in Medstead. Marina is an excellent speaker, and the evening promises to be of great interest to all.

Our Membership subscription remains at £10 for the year, we host seven meetings a year, a Spring Show and a Summer Show. We also hold an Open Garden event each year and organise trips to visit gardens of interest.

If you would like to join our friendly club, come along on 7 October and meet the Committee and our members. Guests and non-members are always very welcome at any event @ £3 per meeting.

Elizabeth Houghton-Connell Chair



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

Contact Suzanne Tong on TongVenthams@gmail.com or 01730

260430 for more information and travel arrangements.

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Drop-In

Saturday 11th October 2025
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Everyone (including children and pets accompanied by a responsible adult) can be sure of a warm welcome and the company of friends and neighbours at the Drop-In! Come a long and enjoy a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or Tongventhams@gmail.com

Drop-In Dates 2025

November 8th

December 13th

A community volunteering opportunity, on your doorstep !

Could YOU help?

The Drop In, where everyone including children and pets can be sure of a warm welcome, the company of friends and a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space, is runs from 10:30 - 12:00 noon once a month in the main hall at Froxfield Village Hall.

It's been almost a year since the Drop In adopted a new system of being run by a rota of very willing volunteers. Those who volunteered for this is a once-a-year commitment have said they've found it a rewarding and joyful task.

I am about to send out requests for the rota for 2026. If you think you would like to help, please contact me.

Suzanne Tong 01730 260430 or tongventhams@gmail.com



Thank you all those who signed up for the rota in 2025





It is with sincere sadness that I begin my piece this month with the tragic news of the recent death of Francis Usmar – the Chair of Governors who immediately preceded me. Regrettably Francis had to resign suddenly due to a family emergency shortly after I became a governor, but I remember how well he ran our meetings; his lightness of touch married to his clear grasp of all the issues impacting the school and the staff, warranted the obvious respect with which he was held by all of us - governors and teachers alike.

It is in great part thanks to Francis's determination and dedication in leading the campaign to allow the school to grow from a tiny infant school under threat of closure, into the full primary school, that Froxfield's school exists today. Francis's memory will continue to be honoured annually with the awarding of the Francis Usmar Prize for the Key Stage 2 child who has contributed greatly to school life – as Francis himself contributed to the creation of Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool - his legacy lives on in our thriving village school.

The autumn term is well under way, all the new little ones in Reception have learnt where their coat pegs are and how to navigate the whole school day, the rest of the older children are settling into their new classrooms and everyone is enjoying the exciting new equipment available for them at playtime.

We governors were pleased to learn that the additions to the playground, including a large tyre swing the creation of 'Dinosaur Land', a store of dressing up for children throughout the school (not just the children in Reception) and a ban on football during playtime, has resulted in the children really enjoying their playtime together, using the new toys and resources to stimulate their imaginations.

The teachers say it's a joy to see the children play together so creatively rather than have the playground taken over by a football game that forces those not playing onto the fringes of the area. Of course, children will still enjoy football and other ball games during their PE lessons.

Mrs Farrow is always keen to offer new learning opportunities to the children. The Woolffe Art gallery was holding an exhibition in Froxfield and Mrs Burchett, Mrs Farrow and Mrs Ingham Thomas were invited to the private view – Mrs Burchett who leads on art in the school was very impressed by the quality and the range of the pieces on show so she was pleased to welcome Apolline Bokkerink from the Gallery to class 4 who enjoyed creating a miniature still life of goblets on tiny shelves.

This was inspired by Joanne Tinker's work 'Goblets' and Ms Bokkerink explained that she wanted to give the children the chance "to get their hands in" and so the whole class made a goblet from coloured sweet wrappers, and they were delighted that their own 'wall installation' was added to the exhibition!

