

The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth



SUNDAY 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Communion, Steep

Susie Collingridge

James 5 7-10 | Matthew 11. 2-11

4pm Carol Service, High Cross

Sue Jones & Graham Madgwick

6.30pm Carol Service, Stroud

Susie Collingridge/Pippa Madgwick

WEEKDAY PRAYERS

Wednesdays:

Morning prayer **9am on Zoom.**

Join zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 757 0293

2891/Passcode: MPrayer

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75702932891?pwd=alRzeHlxUVVldUI6SmdKKzdJdFVkdz09>

Thursdays:

9.30am- 10.00am Morning Prayer at **St Peter's, High Cross**

and

6.30pm- 7pm Silent Prayer at **All Saints', Steep**

NEXT WEEK Sunday 21 December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy communion , **Steep**
Adrian Harbidge

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**
Adrian Harbidge

Please remember **Tom Purcell**
and Ella-May Butler as they
prepare for their forthcoming
marriage at All Saint's, Steep
on **Saturday 20th December.**



COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for
ever.

AMEN

PRAYERS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

Let us pray for

The Church Worldwide: Igreja Episcopal
Anglicana do Brasil

Our Diocese: The Bishop, **Jonathan
Frost,**

Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, *Vacancy.*

**The Parish of Arreton, Newchurch and
Wroxall**

PTO Clergy David Pine

Churchwardens, Jacqueline Gill,

Rosemary Hardwick, Clive Allen. Gillian
Rouse and Patricia Green

Our Deanery: The Church of St Mary,
Liss and their priest-in-charge, Clare
Welham

Our Benefice: Celia Storey, and all who
are suffering or have recently been
bereaved.

*Please pray for the family and friends of
the late **Isabelle Dubois**- may she rest
in peace and rise in glory.*

*Please also remember in your prayers the
family (Sue Jones) and friends of the late
Jack Fawkes – may he rest in peace and
rise in glory.*

All Saints' Steep GU32 2DD
St Peter's : High Cross GU32 1EQ:

Stroud Church: GU32 1AT
Froxfield Green: GU32 1DQ

James 5. 7-10

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11. 2-11

Messengers from John the Baptist

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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St Peter's : High Cross GU32 1EQ:

REMINDERS

Drop in at Froxfield Village Hall Saturday 13th December
10.30am -12.00 noon for Coffee, Cake and Chat

Saturday 20th December

6.30pm Privett Carol Service, Holy Trinity,
Privett

Picture of Nativity at Privett (below)



Celebrate the Joy of Christmas in our Churches

SATURDAY 20th December 6.30pm

Privett Carols, with Froxfield Choir

Monday 22nd December 6.30pm

Carols on the Green, at Froxfield Green,
lights switch on, local musicians, seasonal refreshments

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service, High Cross

6.30pm Christmas Communion, Steep Church

11.30pm Midnight Communion by candlelight, Steep

11.30pm Midnight Communion, Froxfield Green

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

10am All Age Worship for everyone, Steep

10am All Age communion for everyone, High Cross,
Froxfield

Who's Who.....

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