

The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth



SUNDAY 28th December 2025
The First Sunday of Christmas &
Holy Innocents

10am Benefice Communion, **Steep**
with Carols and reflective readings,
Susie Collingridge
Matt 1.16, 18-21, 24a | 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Weekday prayers

Thursday

Silent prayer 6.30pm – 7pm, All Saints,
Steep

Morning prayer on Zoom (Wednesdays) and at
High Cross Church (Thursdays) will resume
when the schools return in January.

Next WEEK **4th January 2026**
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), **Steep**
Pippa Madgwick

Isaiah 60.1-6 | Matthew 2.1-12

10am TenAM, **Steep**

Lay Team – Graham Madgwick

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**

Pippa Madgwick

Isaiah 60.1-6 | Matthew 2.1-12

COLLECT

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the
life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

PRAYERS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

Let us pray for

The Church Worldwide: The Anglican
Church of Canada

Our Diocese: The Bishop, **Jonathan Frost**,
Diocesan Secretary, **Philip Poulter**

**Whippingham with East Cowes and
Wootton;** Rector and Priest-in-Charge,
Sandra Matthews. Anna Chaplain, Hilary
Baldwin. PtO Clergy, Mike Exell, Peter
Hutchinson and Bob Read.

Our Deanery: The Church of St Mary the
Virgin, Bramshott; the Church Centre Liphook;
and their Priest-in-Charge, Valentine Inglis -
Jones.

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

Readings Sunday 28th December

Matthew 1. 16, 18-21, 24

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband
of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the
Messiah.

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah^[a] took
place in this way. When his mother Mary had
been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived
together, she was found to be pregnant from
the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being
a righteous man and unwilling to expose her
to public disgrace, planned to divorce her
quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do
this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not
be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the
child conceived in her is from the Holy
Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to
name him Jesus, for he will save his people
from their sins."

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as
the angel of the Lord commanded him; he
took her as his wife

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and
sisters: not many of you were wise by human
standards, not many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is
foolish in the world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised
in the world, things that are not, to abolish
things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast
in the presence of God.

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