



Sunday 4th January 2026 Epiphany

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**

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WEEKDAY PRAYERS

Wednesdays:

Morning prayer **9am on Zoom**.

Join zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 757 0293

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Thursdays: Resume 8th January 2026

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 11th January The Baptism Of Christ

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), **Stroud**
Susie Collingridge

Romans.12 1-5 | Luke.2. 41 -end

10am Parish Communion, **Steep**
Susie Collingridge

Isaiah 42:1-9 | Matthew 3.13-end

EPIPHANY COLLECT (BCP)

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EPIPHANY COLLECT

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

Let us pray for

The Church Worldwide: The Church of the province of Central Africa.

Our Diocese: The Bishop, **Jonathan Frost**, Archdeacon of Portsdown, **Bob White**

Finance Team

Head of Finance, Elaine Coe. | Executive Assistant to the Head of Finance, Sarah Jay. Finance Manager, Mike Lalley. | Finance Assistant, Elaine Allman. Trust Funds Assistant, Tim Denne.

Our Deanery: The Church of St Matthew, Blackmoor, and Whitehill and their associate priest Kate Lloyd-Jones.

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



We pray for **Ella-May and Tom Purcell** 's future happiness and growth in their marriage, which was celebrated at All Saint's Steep on Saturday 20th December 2025.

Readings for Sunday 4th January

Isaiah 60. 1-6

The ingathering of the dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2. 1-12

The visit of the wise men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my

people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly called or the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead

of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

An invitation to Compline, sung at St John's Church, Langrish at **6pm on Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Refresh the soul with stillness and calm as the day draws to a close. All welcome to join for this short, quiet, reflective service.

A Prayer for Epiphany

Lord our God, we thank you that you have come to this earth. Let a light shine out again and again among those who hear your gospel. May they come to know your light and receive salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen

Reminders : **Steep Welcome Club** on **Thursday 8th January At 2.30pm**
Drop in at Froxfield is Saturday 17th January 2026, 10.30-12.00noon

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