

The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth



Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday

10am Benefice Communion, High Cross
Susie Collingridge and Sue Jones
Philippians 2.5-11 | Matthew 27. 11-54

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

STEEP, STROUD, FROXFIELD & PRIVETT

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH PALM SUNDAY
10AM BENEFICE COMMUNION
HIGH CROSS



THURSDAY 2ND APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY
6PM HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)
FROXFIELD GREEN



FRIDAY APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY
10AM A MEDITATIVE SERVICE OF
READINGS, PRAYERS & MUSIC
HIGH CROSS
2PM LAST HOUR AT THE CROSS,
STEEP



SATURDAY 4TH APRIL HOLY SATURDAY
6PM EASTER COMMUNION, STROUD
8PM EASTER FIRE SERVICE, PRIVETT

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH - EASTER DAY
6AM DAWN COMMUNION, FROXFIELD GREEN
10AM ALL AGE COMMUNION, STEEP
10AM ALL AGE COMMUNION, HIGH CROSS

HE IS RISEN



COLLECT BCP

The Sunday Next before Easter/ Palm Sunday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

PRAYERS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

Let us pray for

The Church Worldwide: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Our Diocese:

The Bishop, **Jonathan Frost**
Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight,

Newport and Carisbrooke Team Ministry

Team Rector, Chris Bradish.
Licensed Clergy, Abbie Lynch, Emma Cooksey and Steve Sutcliffe. Readers, Stephen Brett-Hill, Ethne Whitlock and Richard Smout. PtO Clergy, Roger Whatley, Hugh Wright and Janet Hallam. Anna Chaplain, Claire Whatel

Our Deanery: The Church of St Mary magdalen, sheet and their Priest-in-charge Bruce Deans.

Our Benefice:

Celia Storey, Paul Garstin, Victoria Dunn, Susie Bryan-Terry, and Sue Coles, all who are suffering or have recently been bereaved. Please remember the family and friends of **Pam Thomas** and **Sienna Courtney**.

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Philippians 2. 5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 27.11-54

Jesus Brought before Pilate

Pilate Questions Jesus

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Barabbas or Jesus?

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the

Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him

wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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Vacancy- Steep School Foundation Governor
Steep is a lovely church school, and the connection with the church is a strong and important one to continue to nurture. The Christian Ethos is fundamental to the School and Foundation Governors make an important contribution to this being a reality. If you are interested in this role please contact Susie Collingridge for further information. Susie.collingridge@gmail.com

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

Please don't forget to sign up to the electoral roll or amend any current details. Only those registered on the Church Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. Please note that you can register in the parish you live in, and/or in the parish of a church where you regularly worship. Our Election Roll Officers are: Froxfield and Privett, Pat Sadler (sadlerpatricia@hotmail.com); and Steep and Stroud, Heather Maybury (hjmaybury@gmail.com) /07554 747361.

Dates	Steep & Stroud	Froxfield with Privett
Forms available from Pat & Heather or in Church	13 th March	13 th March
Completed forms should be returned by	10 th April	13 th April
Revised Electoral Roll displayed	12 th April	15 th April
APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)	Sunday 26 April	Sunday 3 May

Update from Froxfield Fundraising Auction.

A fantastic night last Saturday and the latest total is just **over £6000!!**

A HUGE Thank you to all that made it possible, especially Suzanne and her helpers.

Lent Course Final Week

Invitation to anyone who has followed Brian's course to come and share their experiences of these Lenten reflections and how they have been helped to a deeper knowledge and understanding of our Christian faith and of God through acts of grace. Weds 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

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

Services for Holy week

Maundy Thursday

2nd April

6pm Holy Communion, (BCP said)

Froxfield Green

Susie Collingridge

GOOD Friday

3rd April

**10am a Meditative Service of Readings,
Prayers and Music, High Cross**

Pippa And Graham Madgwick

2pm Hour at the Cross, Steep

Sue Jones

Holy Saturday

4th April

6pm Easter Communion (BCP, said)

Stroud

Pippa and Graham Madgwick

8pm Easter Fire, Privett Churchyard

Sue Jones

EASTER DAY

Sunday 5th April

6am Dawn Communion (BCP,said),

Froxfield Green,

Susie Collingridge

**10am All Age Easter Communion, High
Cross**

Sue Jones

10am All Age Easter Communion, Steep

Susie Collingridge

A reminder of the funeral service for the late **Pamela Thomas** on Tuesday 31st March at 2pm at All Saint' Church, Steep. **Please keep Pam, her family and friends in your prayers.**

Wanted

Friends of Steep Church (FoSC) Secretary

After 10 years devoted service ~Deirdre Mitchell has decided to retire. The requirement is not onerous- four meetings a year, requiring sending out notice and taking minutes of the meeting. Aspiring applicants please contact the Chairman John Trewby, on jatrewby@gmail.com or 07799661763

Who's Who.....

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Froxfield/ Privett: Ian Hughes

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Future Dates for the Calendars

APCM Meetings

Sunday 24th April – Steep

Sunday 3rd May – Froxfield

MAY

Thursday 14th May Ascension Day

8am Prayers at Privett

7.15 Ascension Day Communion, Steep

JUNE

Wednesday 3rd June

Licensing of Sue Jones as Associate Vicar, Steep

Sunday 7th June

The TenAM, Pet Service, Steep

Sunday 21st June

Annual Steep Lecture

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