The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth

Sunday 15 November 2026

Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion, **Steep**
Pippa Madgwick
Colossians 1. 3-12 l Matthew 9. 18-26

10am Parish Communion, **High Cross**
Pippa Madgwick
1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11 l Matthew 25.14-30

WEEKDAY PRAYERS:
Wednesdays:
Morning Prayer 9am on Zoom.
Join zoom meeting:
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75702932891pwd=alRzeHixcUVLdUl6SmdKKzdJdFVkdz09
Meeting id: 757 0293 2891/ passcode: MPrayer
Thursdays:
9.30am -10.00am Morning prayer at **St Peter's, High Cross**
And
6.30pm- 7pm Silent Prayer at **All Saints', Steep**
Morning Prayers on Zoom and at High Cross will resume after half term next week

Next Sunday. 22 November
Christ the King
The Sunday next before Advent
8.30am Holy Communion, **Stroud**
Susie Collingridge
Colossians 1 13-20 l John 6. 5-14
10am Parish Communion, **Steep**
Susie Collingridge
Ephesians 1. 15-end l Matthew 25. 31-end
11am Morning Prayer, **Froxfield Green**
Lindsay Clegg

Funerals
14th Nov at 2pm, **Daphne Newman**, High Cross
23rd Nov at 11.30am **Brenda King**
The Oaks, Havant (all are welcome)
27th Nov at 11am **Jack Fraser**, High Cross

BCP COLLECT for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

PRAYERS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

Let us pray for ….
The Church Worldwide:
Anglican Church of Chile
Our Diocese:
The Archbishop, **Sarah Mullally**
The Bishop, **Jonathan Frost**
Commissary Bishop, **Geoff Annas**
Archdeacon of Portsdown, **Bob White**
Parish Support.
Diocesan Surveyor, Chris Pride; Property & central services Officer, Susan Akers; Joint DAC secretaries, David Cain and Catherine Gray; Buildings development Officers, Holly Reynolds and Kevin Norton; Diocesan Office and Systems Coordinator, Becky Sermon; Parish support administrators, Rachel Fox-Muscat (maternity leave) and Tina Holland; Giving advisor, Jude Greenfield.

Our Deanery: The Church of St Mary, Magdalen, Sheet and their Vicar, Bruce Deans, Licenced clergy, Mick Micklethwaite; Readers, Linda Cist and Caroline Deans; Children and families worker, Dom Deboo; PtO clergy, Andy Edmunds, Gussie Walsh and H Metters (Anna Chaplian)

Our Benefice: David Storey, Victoria Dunn, Susie Bryan-Terry, Ann Holden, Melanie Fuller Duncan Campbell, John Huthwaite. We continue to pray for Sue's daughter Vicky, and her family. We pray for all those who are suffering or who have recently been bereaved, the family and friends of **Daphne Newman**, **Brenda King, Jack Fraser & Julian Bond.**

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves
know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they
say, "There is peace and security," then
sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labor pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape! 4 But you,
brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for
that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you
are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as
others do, but let us keep awake and be
sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us
be sober and put on the breastplate of faith
and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for
wrath but for obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ,10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another
and build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

Matthew 25. 14-30

The Parable of the Talents

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went
away. At once 16 the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them
and made five more talents. 17 In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made
two more talents. 18 But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to
me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the
two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow and gathering
where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not
sow and gather where I did not
scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested
my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my
own with interest.28 So take the talent from
him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more
will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken
away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw
him into the outer darkness, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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