

The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth



SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024

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<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75702932891?pwd=alRzeHlxUVldUl65mdkKzdJdFVkdz09> Meeting ID: 757 0293 2891/Passcode: MPrayer

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...AND WHERE

ALL SAINTS' STEEP: GU32 2DD **STROUD CHURCH:** GU32 1AT
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▶ **Matthew 24
42-44**

The Ten AM

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. ▲

MINCE PIES PLEASE! If you are attending the benefice carol service at High Cross on Sunday 15 December at 4pm, it would be very kind of you if you could bring a few mince pies for serving after the service. Mulled wine, coffee and tea will also be on offer to continue the seasonal celebration. ▲

FRIENDS OF STEEP CHURCH

invite you to their much-loved candlelit carol service, to be held on Monday 9 December at All Saints'. There will be a retiring collection in aid of maintenance and improvements for the church building; and mulled wine and mince pies will add to the festive spirit of the occasion. ▲



As you are most likely aware, All Saints' has just started on a year of celebrations marking its 900th anniversary. If you would like to know more about the history of the church and its role in the community, why not attend **Fran Box's presentation in the church tonight (Sunday the 1st) at 6pm**. A poster is attached. ▲

PORTSMOUTH HOSPITALS CHARITY FOR Cancer Services once again holds its Giant Christmas Market at Petersfield Festival Hall - this coming Saturday, 7 December. Local traders and craftspeople, and other charities such as the Rosemary Foundation, Petersfield Lions, and Cat and Rabbit Rescue, will be behind the numerous stalls offering a wide variety of items. 9.30am to 3pm. Entry is free. Refreshments are on offer, so why not make it a 'day out'? ▲

THE REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR is running again in High Cross church, a partnership of the community with Froxfield Primary School. The idea is to give in order that others, via the Petersfield Foodbank, may receive: please put the requested items in the appropriate bag each day. A full list is attached, but for this week the following are requested: 1st December/Terry's Chocolate Orange; 2nd/Shortbread or other biscuits; 3rd/Festive chocolates; 4th/Stollen; 5th/Yule log; 6th/Christmas fruit cake/Christmas Pudding; 7th/Mixed nuts (not salted); 8th/Biscuits for cheese.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to the Foodbank, this can be done by online banking, and the relevant details are as follows:

PACT Foodbank (Business) Sort code: 60-16-26
Account No.: 80199240
Reference: Froxfield RAC ▲

▶ **Jeremiah 33
14-16**

10am
Communion

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' ▲

▶ **Luke 21
25-36**

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The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ▲

WORKING PARTIES ARE FUN! Join forces with others in the community and together improve your 'patch'.

Steep, Saturday 7 December: Help clear up in the churchyard for a bonfire. 10am-12noon, everyone welcome - as will be the coffee and cake in return.

Froxfield Village Hall, Sunday 8 December: From gardening to decorating, from 9am to 1pm, or any time between: Please let Ted Stephens know if you will be there (to ensure there will be enough cake/bacon butties!) ted.stephens@fraine.co.uk or 01730 266529.) ▲

AN INVITATION TO COMPLINE, sung at St John's Church, Langrish, at 6pm on Tuesday (3rd). Refresh the soul with stillness and calm as the day draws to a close.

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