

# The Parishes of Steep and Stroud and Froxfield with Privett

in the Diocese of Portsmouth



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▶ **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.

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

## Extended Prayers

For all in our benefice **church schools** who return this week after the Christmas holidays; for **Jenny Sandys**, formerly of Stroud; for those troubled by **international strife**.

**AN INVITATION TO COMPLINE**, sung, at John's Church, Langrish, at 6pm on Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>). Refresh the soul with stillness and calm as the day draws to a close.

**IT MIGHT BE A** new year, but it's good to see familiar favourites again: **Steep Welcome Club** meets this Thursday (9<sup>th</sup>) in Steep village hall at 2.30pm for a seasonal quiz - as well of course as the delicious tea. Contact Heather Maybury (07554 747361 / HJMaybury@gmail.com). And the **Froxfield with Privett Drop In** gathers again on Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>) for general catch-up over coffee and cake. 10.30-noon. Contact Suzanne Tong on tongventhams@gmail.com / 260430. ▲

Judy Thompson, churchwarden at Steep, writes: Calling young and old who had their wedding in All Saints' Church, Steep! We are planning a celebratory service of Love and Commitment as close to St. Valentine's Day as possible - in actual fact on Saturday February 15.

As well as happy couples attending we hope to have a display of wedding dresses, photos or other memorabilia of those special days.

If you are interested please contact me at [judy.thompson@me.com](mailto:judy.thompson@me.com).

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## 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, asking, '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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "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."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.' 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. ▲



Our church schools' Christian value this first half of term is

**COURAGE**



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