



*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



May 2025



Benefice Worship

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. (Alleluia!).*

1 Corinthians 5.7

Sunday 4 May: The 3rd Sunday of Easter
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep
10am A Celebration of Baptism!, Steep
a Steep 900 event for all ages
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 11 May: The 4th Sunday of Easter
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep

Sunday 18 May: The 5th Sunday of Easter
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross
6pm Choral Evensong, with Portsmouth
Cathedral Choir (Boys), Privett

Sunday 25 May: The 6th Sunday of Easter
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
11am Morning Prayer, Froxfield Green

Sunday 1 June: The 7th Sunday of Easter
8.30am Holy Communion (BCP, said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

For further information, request our
weekly emailed news sheet at
steepfroxfeldprivett@gmail.com,
or visit our website www.steepfroxfeld.com

Cover

This month's cover photo was supplied by Christine Stephen's and was a photo of a first-prize entry from the Garden Club Spring Show by Marion Gimson. Well done Marion and thank you Christine.

(White) May 2025

Steep: All Saints, GU32 2DD | Stroud Church: GU32 1AT
High Cross: St Peter's, GU32 1EQ
Froxfield Green: St Peter-on-the Green, GU32 1DQ
Privett: Holy Trinity, GU34 3PE



Starting May 1st join me for this balanced class of Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation to improve wellbeing, calm the mind and relieve stress. Hope to see you there.

Ann

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH...

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Booking Froxfield Village Hall for your event.

If you're interested in booking the hall or would like more information, please get in touch with us at enquiries@froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk. You can also book the hall directly through our website www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk.

Our friendly team is here to support you every step of the way, from booking to setup. We want to help you create an event that's memorable, fun, and stress-free.

Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

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Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

1 st	8 th	17 th	22 nd	29 th
Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass Collection



Celebrate VE Day at Privett Churchyard – Thursday 8 May

There will be an opportunity to share in the national “moment of celebration” on the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May at Privett Churchyard.

VE Day, 8 May 1945, was a time of outpouring of relief and joy at the victorious end of the war in Europe after nearly six years of fighting, fear, grief and deprivation, and we will all be familiar with those newsreel images of the streets of London and other cities choked with rejoicing men and women, but with bombed buildings as a backdrop. The celebration was tempered by grief for all those who had died fighting to bring about that victory or who had lost their lives as civilians as a result of bombing or other enemy action, and, of course, by the continuing fighting in the Far East, where victory was not achieved until August that year.

It is good to remember what was, for our country, the greatest achievement of the twentieth century, and that is the purpose of the national “moment of celebration” planned for 8 May.

At Privett it is hoped that as many as possible will gather in the Churchyard around 6.30pm for a “Bring Your Own” picnic at a bonfire, and early in the evening the church bells will be rung and the beacon in the Churchyard, which can be seen across the Hampshire South Downs, will be lit as dusk falls. Come as the “Best Churchill Lookalike” (any age – and babies are often the best Churchill doubles!) and win a prize – probably not a box of cigars!

If the weather is unkind, we shall picnic inside the church.

Perhaps one or two coming along will just about have a childhood memory of that day, 80 years ago, but all of us can still come together with thanksgiving for the victory achieved and celebrated on that momentous day.



**The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, Alton
(01420 82802)**

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum

www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday to Sunday

Curtis 10am – 4.30pm. Allen 10.30 – 4pm

Allen Gallery

EXHIBITIONS

Consuo Textile Art. Taking their name from the Latin for 'to sew together', Consuo Textile Art comprises alumni from textile courses at the University for the Creative Arts, Farnham. Their latest exhibition continues until **Sunday 25 May**. FREE entry

The Allen Gallery and Curtis Museum are working with **Alton Art Society** at Chawton House to run landscape art and painting activities as part of a new parklands exhibition in the barn. (19 May - 1 June). Details on website.

TALK

Thursday 8th May, 7.30 pm.

Friends of the Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery AGM, followed by **Memories of the Palace Cinema**, a talk by **Abbé Fletcher**, the author of the book about this Alton landmark. (Available in the Museum at £12.99.)

FREE, light refreshments.

JANE AUSTEN 250.

(The 250th Anniversary of her birth.) Look out for Austen themed events in both venues between **20th May and 1st July**. These will include a **Regency Pastimes/Tea and Conversation** afternoon, the latter in the Gallery garden, together with free Gallery tours.

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery, continued

Jane's Silk Pelisse

Throughout Alton's Regency Week (20-29 June) we are thrilled to be displaying an original silk "pelisse" coat, one of few surviving items that belonged to Jane Austen.

Donated by a descendant of Jane Austen and now in the collections cared for by Hampshire Cultural Trust, the author's silk pelisse coat is one of a handful of items surviving today that belonged to Jane and can be traced directly back to her.

TRAILS. Jane Austen/Regency themed trails in both venues, including one based round Jane Austen's landscape and the animals she referred to in her writings.

CRAFT at half term.

Tuesday 27 May, 11.00 am: Clay Make & Take at the Allen Gallery. £6 per person. Book by email at allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

Curtis Museum

We are delighted to continue displaying the Crocheted Coral Reef by Creating Crafts & Blooms CIC in the Curtis Museum for a few more months. There will be associated craft and textile workshops over the spring and summer.

Family Half Term Workshop/Science event. Wednesday 28th May, 11am. This drop-in event was very popular the last time we ran it, so we may ask you to queue.

Solution to April Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Ignominious, 9 Good Samaritans, 11 Sing, 12 Minim. 13 Ulna, 16 Rebuffed, 17 Pencil, 19 Nieces, 20 Descants, 22 Make, 23 Toast, 24 Sty, 27 Reregistration, 28 Aimlessness.

Down - 2 Ground breakers, 3 Odds, 4 Imagined, 5 Italic, 6 Unit, 7 Hallucinations, 8 Established, 10 Astronomers, 14 Often, 15 Beach, 18 Desserts, 21 Fossil, 25 Ugli, 26 Eton.

Froxfield Choir



Froxfield Choir's annual June concert at Holy Trinity, Privett, is a week later than usual this year, on **Saturday 21 June at 7.30pm**. We will be performing Brahms' Requiem, accompanied by West Forest Sinfonia. It promises to be a fantastic evening and we always look forward to welcoming friends and supporters to celebrate the highlight of our musical year with us. There will be a bar outside which will be open before the concert and during the interval. Tickets are available from One Tree Books, Petersfield, and from Ticketsource. £18 adult/£12 students.

We continue to encourage singers to join our amateur choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at Froxfield Village Hall between 7.45-9.30pm and newcomers are welcome to come along any week for a taster session. Please contact Lesley Howe at lkhowe58@gmail.com for more details. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @Froxfield Choir and on our website www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

The Tempest



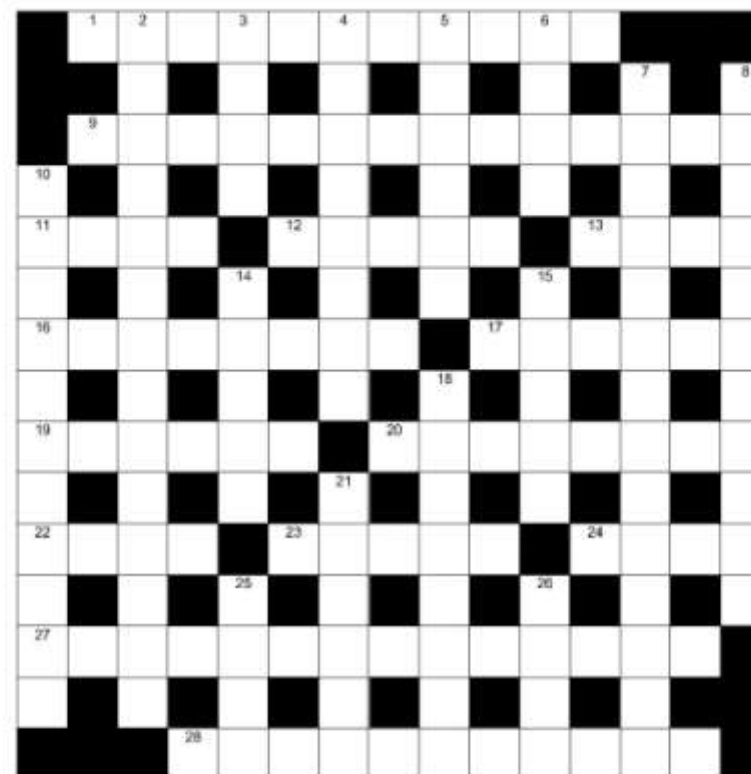
Performance by This is My Theatre (a young talented group of performers)

on **FRIDAY 9TH MAY** at Holy Trinity Church, Privett.

Book your tickets for the performance via thisismytheatre.com website.

As last year Sage & Season will be offering a Pre Theatre Supper. Bookings for the supper are via The Privett Centre website, where there is also a link to purchase your Tempest tickets.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Dishonourable, infamous
- 9 People who are generous in helping those in distress (4,10)
- 11 Make music vocally
- 12 Of music, a note having the value of two crotchets
- 13 One of the bones of the forearm
- 16 Cold-shouldered
- 17 Writing instrument
- 19 Daughters of one's brother or sister or one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law
- 20 Melodies sung or played above the principal tune
- 22 Construct, assemble
- 23 Grilled bread
- 24 Eye infection
- 27 'Is gran to retire' (anag).

- 28 The state of lacking a goal or purpose

Down

- 2 Innovators, pioneers (6,8)
- 3 Of betting, based on the expected probability either way
- 4 Envisaged
- 5 Sloping typeface often used for emphasis
- 6 Single entity
- 7 False perceptions
- 8 Accepted, having existed for a long time
- 10 Scientists who study the stars and planets
- 14 Frequently
- 15 Land of sand or shingle, adjoining the sea
- 18 E.g. Apple pie and trifle
- 21 Petrified remains
- 25 Fruit
- 26 Public school

FROXFIELD FETE

(in aid of Froxfield Village Hall)
at Froxfield Village Hall & Recreation Ground

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

Opens 1:15pm

Grand Draw - 4pm



Admission free

No Name Band

Morris Dancing - Alton Morris

Have a go - Mini Ring of Bells

Children's Races

Come & Join us for Lunch, Tea or snacks Tea & Cakes, Hot food including Mexican Street Food

Pimms & Beer

Many stalls including - Cakes, Books & Toys, Bottles

Sponsors



On the 15th April the Garden Club enjoyed a visit to the famous Arundel Castle Tulip Festival, which was an wonderful experience. Some of our members travelled by mini-coach and others self-drove, and we were treated to a most beautiful display of brightly coloured tulips. We had arranged a guided tour with Martin Duncan, who is the Head Gardener at Arundel Castle after he had given us a talk in February at Froxfield Village Hall. He made us feel very welcome and gave us an excellent tour.

A great day out!

Sue Kinlochan

Drop-In



Saturday 12th April 2025

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Everyone (including children and pets accompanied by a responsible adult) can be sure of a warm welcome and the company of friends and neighbours at the Drop- In! Come a long and enjoy a slice of cake and a cuppa in a warm space.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260 430 or Tongventhams@gmail.com

Drop- In Dates 2025

May 10th

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th



Dates for your Diary

We held our annual Spring Show on Saturday 29th March at Privett Village Hall, which looked absolutely splendid in the bright sunshine. The hall was full of colour and scent and the exhibits of daffodils, Spring bulbs, flowering shrubs and an exceptional display of hellebores, were all a sight to behold! The flower arranging classes were beautiful and very well supported, and the cookery classes were also well supported with the Carrot Cake class attracting the most comments.

The children's entries from the village schools were also excellent. The independent judges were very complimentary about the high standard of the entries in all the categories.

It was very pleasing to see how many of our new members exhibited and appeared on the prizewinners' sheet and it was also so good to see so many visitors from our two villages come along in the afternoon to see all the lovely exhibits, buy plants and enjoy tea and cake. Our thanks to Christine Stevens for her excellent organisation of the Show.

The Trophy winners are listed below:

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| Graham-Clarke Daffodil Plate | Mary Hansford |
| Privett Flower Show Challenge Cup | Marion Gimson |
| Elizabeth Cawson Trophy for Flower Arranging | Marion Gimson |
| Dee Kiddle Cup for Cooking | Patsy Langmead |
| Wendy Lees Memorial Trophy | Lorna Smallbone |

On Wednesday 9th April we welcomed Barry Newman who gave us a very informative talk on 'Growing Vegetables in Raised Beds'. As we have had Barry to talk to us before, we knew that we would have an enlightening and fun evening, as his knowledge of vegetable gardening is second to none and he always gives us lots of tips!

May	
Thursday 1st	A regular Yoga and Pilates classes starting at 6.15pm at the Village Hall. Please contact Anne on 07884112411 if you're interested. Everyone welcome!
Saturday 3rd	The Cricket season kicks off!
Tuesday 6th	Another new Yoga class starting at 6.15pm.
Wednesday 7th	Future Energy Landscapes Workshop at 7pm. A free workshop for the local community aimed to discover the types and scale of renewable energy that could meet the needs of the community. Run with support from East Hampshire District Council, Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park Authority.
Friday 16th	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14" s free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p
June	
Friday 20th	Country Music Club 8pm. Tickets are £10 on the door, Under-14" s free. Licensed bar, tea & coffee available. Filled rolls & hotdogs also available for 80p
Sunday 29th J	The Village Fete is back! More info to follow in next month's magazine.



For Sale

2'6" single divan bed and mattress; in excellent condition, very little used. £140. Telephone 01730 828132



Holy Trinity Church PRIVETT



Sunday 18th May

6pm Choral Evensong

Sung by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir (Boys)

Music by Philip Moore, Alec Roth and Orlando Gibbons

Preacher: Rev'd Canon Susie Collingridge

Merepond Lane, Privett, Alton GU34 3PE

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"Walking Wednesdays".

Do you enjoy walking? If so, you might be interested in joining a new social group I am setting up called "Walking Wednesdays".

The event will take place on the first Wednesday of the month. The idea is to meet at 9:30 at High Cross church (use the village hall car park) and walk to the Old Dairy Privett for refreshment.

Once we have a group, we can sort out ways to return travel from Privett either on foot or by car or bike! For those who might find this too far there will be the option to "peel off" enroute and return to the hall and or catch us up at the tearoom (or not) as they wish.

If you and your friends are interested in joining me, please let me know.

Suzanne Tong: 01730 260430 Tongventhams@gmail.com



WALKING WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am the First Wednesday of each month

High Cross Church to The Old Dairy Tearoom Privett

7th May

4th June

2nd July

Contact Suzanne Tong on TongVenthams@gmail.com or 01730 260430

for more information and travel arrangements.



Wanted

At Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

1. Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.
2. Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff. The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.
3. Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent. Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately six full governing body meetings per year and around six committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school, usually 6pm to 8pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please email adminoffice@froxfield.hants.sch.uk for an application form.

Gilly Hollis ***Chair of Governors***

Froxfield Village Hall Update

We hope you all managed to read the update on the future of the Village Hall in the April newsletter. By the time you read this edition of the Magazine we will have held our pop-up pub and AGM so will be able to update you further in the June edition.

We've a few new regular bookings including Yoga classes coming up so please do check out our website for upcoming events and classes.

Working Party update - Spring Spruce-Up Success!

We made the most of the morning sunshine at our recent working party, ticking off key outdoor tasks. Potholes in the car park were repaired with fresh hoggin, and the hall's window boxes got a fresh lick of paint and tidy-up.



Indoors, the kitchen cupboards had a thorough spring clean and the boiler cage build is nearly complete. Meanwhile, the Cricket Club were busy too, repairing nets, putting up banners, and refreshing the changing rooms. Huge thanks to them for their support and future help!

A big shout-out to everyone who's helped over the past five months. The hall is looking great, especially around the kitchen and bar. Next up: professional painting of the main hall this summer.

We're now taking a short break—see you at the next working party on Sunday, 13th July, 9am–1pm!



The end of the Easter Term at Froxfield CE Primary and Preschool was marked fittingly by a service in St Peter's High Cross led by class 3 telling the Easter Story which I know they led beautifully. As Mr. Sadler wrote in his follow-up email to Class 3 teacher Mrs Alice Fennell , 'Class 3 did very well indeed - they were so clear and "together", and it was a very complete Gospel account of the Easter story'.

It is indeed impressive to observe the understanding these young children at Froxfield school have of the major Christian Festivals – and whether or not they choose to express a faith in years to come, they will have this firm grounding in the background to their British culture and an understanding (beyond the mere commercial) as to why we as a society celebrate such festivals as Easter and Christmas.

The Easter service followed on from the 'Experience Church' event the previous week. All children in the school took part, over two afternoons, in learning about the purpose and importance of the different parts of their parish church, St Peter's High Cross. There were six 'stations' where the children learned about the font, the stained-glass windows, the organ, the lectern and the pulpit, the altar and, most excitingly of all, the bells in the bell tower! I would like to congratulate Edward Sadler – the school's foundation governor for organising this two day event and for coordinating the members of the clergy and the congregation who participated in explaining each station to the children.

A big thank you is also owed to Suzanne Tong who told the children about the stained glass windows; to Nina Povey, Anne Daniels and Rev Pippa Madgewick who talked about (and ably demonstrated with a baby doll) the font; Edward Sadler explained how the organ works – a proper demonstration of the phrase 'pulling out all the stops', Rev Canon Susie

Collingridge and Rev Claire Welham were at the pulpit and lectern where the children got the chance to read aloud from the bible and speak from the pulpit; Mrs Pat Sadler at the altar showed the children the precious silver chalice and patten that is used at a communion service, explaining the significance of the bread and the wine and Ian Hughes, Teresa Brown and Rob Hollis accompanied the children up into the Bell Tower. It is worth noting that while the children enjoyed their whole visit very much, they particularly relished being up in the bell tower and getting the chance to ring the bells – Mrs Farrow said it sounded like there was a wedding when she was in the playground.

If you are walking past the front of the school you will be able to see the cairn that has been created at the entrance to school . Every child has painted a stone that they have placed in the cairn to remind everyone of our school values: Love, Courage and Respect. These words are worked in the wooden frame within which the stones are contained. The frame has been built and made by our fantastic site manager Steve Sargent - it really is a work of art. The idea came about as a way to ensure that we portrayed our Christian values to the school and to the community around us -I think the cairn is a beautiful way to honour our school values.

The school is currently on a much deserved Easter break and by the time this is published the summer term will be well under way with all the high points it brings – SATs, Sports Day, Leavers' Services; the Year 5&6 residential trip and the end of year play – so much to look forward to tell you about in the weeks to come!

Gillian Hollis
Chair of Governor