



*Froxfield and Privett Parish
Magazine*



February 2024



Benefice Worship

*The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all mankind.*

Titus 2.11

Sunday 4 February: The 2nd Sunday before Lent (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 11 February: The Sunday Next before Lent (Green)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep

Ash Wednesday, 14 February (Purple)

10am Holy Communion (said) with Ashing, Steep

Sunday 18 February: The 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

Sunday 25 February: The 2nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Stroud
10am Parish Communion, Steep
11am Morning Prayer (CW said), Froxfield Green

Sunday 3 March: The 3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP said), Steep
10am The TenAM (less formal worship for all ages), Steep
10am Parish Communion, High Cross

(Green/Purple) February 2024

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

Welcome to a variety of services across our benefice

For further information, request our
weekly emailed news sheet at
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Froxfield and Privett Parish Information

Parish Magazine

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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

EXHIBITION

Our inaugural Artist in Residence, the award-winning young Irish artist **Camilla Hanney**, presents her first full exhibition in the Gallery. She has provided a creative response to the outstanding collection of ceramics housed here. Camilla's solo show invites new ways of viewing the Gallery's Wedgwood porcelain collection as well as the history of the Gallery and garden, formerly the property of the Curtis family.

Through the medium of clay, including a range of delicately constructed porcelain works, Camilla's work explores fragility, nature and the cycle of life and death. Alongside works that are a playful reference to the figures captured in traditional porcelain ornaments, the show also highlights the work of William Curtis the botanist and his studies of the natural world.

Saturday 3rd February - Sunday 4th March. FREE

Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of our project, *Rediscovering the Allen Gallery*.

TALK

Margaret Macfarlane's Legacy - The Allen Gallery collection of Ceramics.

a talk by **Jackie Breakspear**.

Thursday 14th March at 7.30. FREE

The Curtis Museum and Allen Gallery

ACTIVITIES

To launch **Inspire Days**, our pottery programme for teens and young people, we are running a drop-in session of clay activities.

Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th February. FREE

Snowdrop Saturdays

10th and 17th February. Come and wander round our lovely, peaceful garden and view the *galanthus* flowers.

For children there will be a **New Trail** round the Gallery and garden, with a creative activity at the end!

Tuesday 6th - Friday 23rd February.

For further information of any of our events please email allen.gallery@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or see the website

CURTIS MUSEUM

FOUND AROUND ALTON

A new display of finds by a local Metal Detectorist (and volunteer) from the Alton area. This interesting selection ranges from Roman dress pins to medieval musket balls and coins, to a beautiful seal matrix. Some items are a puzzle - any help with these will be welcome.

Upstairs in the Curtis till Easter. **FREE**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Museum by Torchlight - Tuesday 13th February. 5.30-7pm. Bring a torch and explore The Curtis Museum at night at our family-friendly event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £3 per child (adults free). Last entry 7pm but we will be open until 7.30pm.

There will be a **New Trail** round the Museum starting on the 6th February.

Who's Who in the Church

(01730 is the telephone exchange unless otherwise stated)

Priest-in-Charge & Area Dean (Petersfield): The Revd Dr Susie Collingridge (624245); susie.collingridge@gmail.com

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/steepfroxfieldandprivettchurches>

Bin Days Thursday Unless Otherwise Indicated

1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Refuse Bin	Recycling	Refuse Bin	Recycling & Glass	Refuse Bin

Film Night Plus at Privett – Friday 23 February *A Haunting in Venice*



Our second winter Film Night Plus at Privett is on Friday 23 February (note, **Friday**), where we are showing the film *A Haunting in Venice*, starring Kenneth Branagh as Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot.

In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in self-imposed exile, reluctantly attends a séance. But when one of the guests is murdered, the former detective must put his little grey cells to work one more time to uncover the killer.

The film has touches of Gothic Horror alongside the sleuthing, and has been described as “*an enjoyable bit of hokum for a dark evening*” and “*lavish old-fashioned Hollywood entertainment*”. It has a 12A certificate.

Before the film we will be serving a taste of Italy – hearty platters of antipasti to share. And, of course, something sweet to follow. There will be a donations bar serving Italian bottled beer and wine.



The evening begins promptly at **7.00pm**, and the film should be finished by 10.15pm at the latest.

Ticket prices for the evening are held at £12, and you are encouraged to book them well in advance so that we can cater for the demand.

Tickets are available from Gill Chung (tel. 828317; email: gillianchung@btinternet.com) or Alex Raphael (tel. 828461); email: araphael.enamels@gmail.com).

So come along to enjoy the stunning photography of a rainy Venice – and all the pleasure of a murder mystery ingeniously solved by one of fiction's greatest detectives'!



Reverse Advent Calendar – thank you

Thank you once again for the excellent response by way of donations of food and toiletries to the Petersfield Foodbank made through the Reverse Advent Calendar in the church throughout the month of December.

Once again the village and Froxfield School have been very generous, and the Foodbank staff have been very pleased to receive such a wonderful contribution to their Christmas hampers and also for their general stocks – this will help them maintain supplies through the early part of the year.

Thank you also to those in the village who have made money transfers directly to the Foodbank*, or have contributed through the scheme which Howard so generously and willingly operates at the village shop. Cash donations are used by the Foodbank to provide vouchers for buying fresh food in the town.

Throughout the year we keep a box in the church for food donations to the Petersfield Foodbank, so feel free to call in to the church at any time to add to that collection. Or perhaps donate food through Howard's scheme, which also operates throughout the year. Or even consider setting up a monthly money transfer to the Foodbank* – their bank account details were given in December's Parish Magazine.

Rob Hollis – Churchwarden

Edward Sadler – School Governor

*The Petersfield Foodbank is a charity – so you can Gift Aid money donations to make them even more valuable: see their website: pactfoodbank.org.uk for details or get in touch with one of us.

Drop In



The next Drop In will be held on Saturday 10th February from 10.30 to 12 noon at Froxfield Village Hall. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. All are welcome! Children 16 and under to be accompanied by an adult please. Any queries to Susanna on 07743 690331



Tuesday 13th February

Privett Village Hall 7.30pm

A talk by Andrew Halstead

‘Encouraging Wildlife into your Garden’
Non-members are very welcome £3

Rose Pruning Workshop with Gillian Taylor

Tuesday 27th February

@ ‘Greycroft’, Stoner Hill Road, Froxfield GU32 1DX

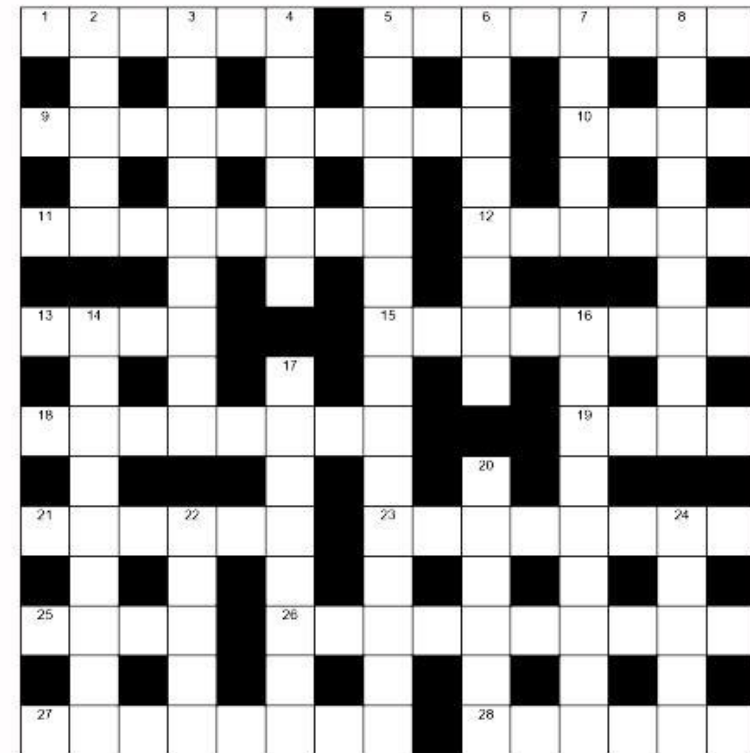
10am-12 noon

**£ 10 to include
 tea/coffee & biscuits**

Limited to 15 members

**RSVP - Pippa Chapman 07803906312 or
 pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk**

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Male parent
- 5 Nocturnal African burrowing mammal
- 9 A person or plan with no chance of success (3-7)
- 10 Precious metal
- 11 'Rear nine (anag). (5,3)
- 12 Limited in size or extent
- 13 A flightless New Zealand bird
- 15 Maintain something in its original or existing state
- 18 '----- that ends well,' Shakespearean play (4,4)
- 19 Sunbathe
- 21 Town in Morocco
- 23 A region of SW Scotland, also a breed of cattle
- 25 A Swedish pop group of the 1970s
- 26 Downcast

- 27 Deteriorates, regresses
- 28 A way out

Down

- 2 Bedeck, decorate
- 3 Wildly emotional behaviour
- 4 Harvester
- 5 Those who make a study of humanity
- 6 Of air, lower pressure than usual
- 7 One who does not eat food derived from animals
- 8 Family
- 14 Unreadable
- 16 Sew decorative needlework with thread
- 17 A group of islands off the NW coast of Scotland
- 20 Recess
- 22 Roman goddess of the moon
- 24 Female relation



It has been a busy start to the Spring Term and children and staff returned to school ready to embrace the new year.

Already Froxfield children have been off on important learning trips; Class 3 enjoyed a visit to the Children's Concert in Guildford and Class 1 took a chilly walk through Froxfield to the Scotts' farm where the children learnt about their animals (including pigs, sheep, cows and chickens) and how to look after them.

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rs Farrow was pleased to share with us the contents of a letter she received from our local MP Damien Hinds, who is now a schools minister. Mr Hinds wrote: "I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Froxfield Church of England Primary and Pre-School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Froxfield School continued

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading."

He went on to thank Mrs Farrow and her staff for their commitment and success in this vital area of early education - this is so well deserved - well done Froxfield staff - and children!

At the beginning of this term governors were invited to join the teachers and support staff from the local small schools at a safeguarding training session in Sheet School run by 'The Flying Child' - an organisation that aims to educate people who work with children about child sexual abuse (CSA) .

The session was extremely powerful. Sophie Olsen, the founder of the organisation and a survivor of inter-familial CSA movingly explained the profound impact that CSA can have on a person's whole life.

The statistics of the incidence of CSA are shocking - a recent report estimates that around 1 in 6 girls and 1 in 20 boys are sexually abused before the age of 16. A teacher or a learning support assistant may well be the person to whom a child might disclose abuse and the way that person might react to a child's disclosure is vital. If the person to whom the child discloses seems disgusted or appears not to believe them this is likely to cause the child to shut down, maybe for years.

Sophie Olsen reminded us that that CSA can happen in ANY type of family. Ms Olsen stressed that she came from a very middle class family who lived in a large house, had as it seemed to the outside, a privileged life, the children had nice, clean, neat clothes were well fed and other than her retiring behaviour there were no outward signs of abuse.

I think all present were moved by the presentation and wanted to support the work of 'The Flying Child'. Sophie Olsen requested that we all go out and talk about the subject of CSA - to take the stigma away from the abused - she said "CSA is society's shame - not mine." and to visit the website www.theflyingchild.com - so I am hoping that in sharing this with readers I am helping in a very small way to promote the The Flying Child's aims.

**FROXFIELD CHOIR NEWS – Concert at St Mary Magdalene,
Lyminster on Saturday 9th March 2024**



The first concert in 2024 for Froxfield Choir is away from home, at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster BN17 7QH on Saturday 9th March. Michael Servant is organist at St Mary Magdalene and we're looking forward to revealing to Lyminster locals his skills and enthusiasm as a choral conductor!

We very much hope that some of our loyal local supporters will follow us to West Sussex. It's a beautiful programme which we feel sure will reward the journey. Matthew Cooke will be accompanying us on the organ for Pergolesi's Stabat Mater as well as works by Gabriel Fauré and Bob Chilcott. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets at £10 are available from One Tree Books, Petersfield, or via members of the choir.

We continue to encourage singers to join our amateur choir. We sing a mixed repertoire of secular and non-secular music, both old and new. 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 lhowe58@gmail.com who can provide you with more details.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @Froxfield Choir and on our website www.froxfieldchoir.co.uk

Solution to January Crossword Puzzle

Across - 1 Depraved, 5 Bunion, 9 Populace, 10 Astern, 12 Record, 13 Carefree, 15 Snuggle, 16 Lass, 20 Edam, 21 Attacks, 25 Calamity, 26 Flower, 28 Loosen, 29 Charades, 30 Summer, 31 Prisoner.

Down - 1 Depart, 2 Papacy, 3 Ailerons, 4 Etch, 6 Ulster, 7 Icecream, 8 Nonsense, 11 Tableau, 14 Agitate, 17 Hercules, 18 Ballroom, 19 Skylarks, 22 Ampere, 23 Sweden, 24 Eraser, 27 Thor

**Embracing Hope for the Future:
Film Night Featuring the film '2040'**



We're delighted to invite Froxfield and Privett residents to an inspiring film night featuring the documentary '2040', a thought-provoking exploration of the possibilities for our planet's future. Join us for an evening of community, shared vision and an extra helping of hope.

Date: Friday 01 March Time: 7pm Venue: West Meon Village Hall

'2040' takes us on a journey envisioning a future where humanity has successfully addressed climate change. Directed by Damon Gameau, the film introduces practical solutions and innovations that could transform our world positively by the year 2040.

In our small villages, where every action can contribute to our lives collectively, '2040' could become a catalyst for conversations about sustainability and community resilience. The film encourages us to consider the small changes we can make in our daily lives to contribute to a more sustainable future.

Tickets

To secure a place at this enlightening film night, please contact Bridget Kindler (07900 293815 or email bridgetkindler@hotmail.co.uk) or Suzanne Tong (01730 260430 or email tongventhams@gmail.com) or to book online go to www.villagegreening.co.uk/events.

Tickets are free of charge, but donations will be welcome on the evening.

Let's hope we'll be inspired together as we explore the potential for a brighter, greener future.

We'll also give everyone an update about what the Froxfield & Privett Renewable Energy Group have been doing over recent months.

See you at the movies!



As I write this report we are in the middle of a very cold snap and I hope that everyone is keeping warm, enjoying the sunshine and that we do not lose too many plants in the garden!

By the time you read this report we will have held our first meeting of the year on Zoom on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm. Our speaker, Adam Pascoe, who is very well known in the gardening world, will speak to us on 'The Golden Rules of Gardening' which we can enjoy from our armchairs rather than go out into a cold winter's night! It is also good that for one meeting a year we can benefit from having speakers from different parts of the country.

Our February speaker is Andrew Halstead, who was formerly the Senior Entomologist for the RHS, and he will be talking to us about 'Encouraging Wildlife into your Garden'. Andrew is a very accomplished speaker and has exceptional knowledge of his subject. This meeting will be held at Privett Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm. NOTE our new meeting start time. Also in February we are holding a Rose Pruning Workshop with Gillian Taylor at Greycroft, Ston r Hill Road, Froxfield GU32 1DX. The cost is £10 to include coffee and biscuits. This workshop is limited to 15 people, on a first come basis. RSVP Pippa Chapman 07803 906312 or pjmchapman@yahoo.co.uk

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Online Magazine

Thanks you to both village halls, the school and the PC for hosting the magazine on their websites. If anyone knows where it is on the church website, please let us know as we are unable to find it.

Please note we the Editors are not responsible for uploading the digital version, you will need to contact those in charge of the various websites

Thank you

Jo, Jeremy, Simon and all our family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy following our Mum, Pamela Goodall's death and at her funeral. We have been touched by the many letters, cards and messages with personal memories of Pamela and offers of help. Mum very much enjoyed living in Froxfield for 42 years and being involved in village life. Several of you have asked about the local history archive that Mum collected over the years. We are glad to say that Doric Tong has kindly offered to take it on. Thank you all so much for your kindness and support.

Jo Taylor, Jeremy Goodall and Simon Goodall

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

February

Saturday 10th Feb **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon.
Tea/coffee and cake (donations go to the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire)



March

Saturday 9th March **Drop-In** 10.30am - 12 noon.
Tea/coffee and cake (donations for the PCC who fund the event, incl hall hire)

Friday 15th March **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 each

Friday 22nd March **Quiz Night Pop-Up** (in aid of Village Hall) Free entry, licensed bar, pre-pay food - available on our website in February: <https://www.froxfieldvillagehall.co.uk/>)

Cover

This month's cover is a photo taken in Privett by Steve. It was actually taken on a sunny day, which are few and far between at the moment.