**PRAYER DIARY**

**RIP** we remember with love and thanksgiving the lives of: Linda Hart & Alan Wren (12th); Alfred Shadbolt (14th) – whose Anniversaries fall at this time.

**For healing and other needs:** Jacqueline Hibbert; Thomas Hollyer; Gladys Horsley; Doreen Merritt; Jean Murch; Garry Williams.

**Long term sick:** Kayode Bello; Sam Hanson; Mary Kirkup; Chris Robins.

**For our Church Families:** Chris Robins; Mol, Roween, & Rohan Rawat; Andrea Rose; Marianna Rushal.

**Happy Birthday to:**Emily Bidder (12th); John Chamberlain (16th).

**The Parish**: Brookside Close; Meadfield; Newlyn Gardens; Tresco Gardens.

**The Church** as we draw ever closer to Christmas may we reflect on the real meaning of the carols we hear and think carefully on the words and music at our Carol Service on Saturday, as well as using it as an outreach opportunity for extending God’s mission here in Roxbourne.

**The Persecuted Church** India: Samari Kasabi (55), a Christian from the village of Dokawaya, District Sukma, Chhattisgarh, was stripped naked, beaten to death, and her body was burnt by people from her village on the night of 16 October. Her son Sukura and his family were at church when the attack took place, about 12km away from their village. The villagers had initially been looking for Sukura, and attacked Samari when they discovered he was not there.

**Capital Vision 2020** former basketball player, Ruth Graveling, runs The Sports Factory, and is finding new ways to tell people about Jesus, through sport.

**Ourselves and the Nation** thank you, Father, for the many activities taking place here in your name. Bless all your people as we gather together to worship you.

**Prayer of the Week** Lord, at this Ember-tide, we ask the Holy Spirit to equip all your stewards of the mysteries of word, worship and service: the signs of your coming Kingdom. May they be sustained by the heartbeat of prayer and praise.

*Please send any items for next week’s STARLINK to Robert Crowhurst by midday this Wednesday,*

*preferably by email (robcrowhurst@btinternet.com); otherwise by hard copy to 131, Exeter Road.)*

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| **11th DECEMBER, 2016 ADVENT III** |
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| **8.00 am: Holy Communion** | | | *STAR LOGO 4* |
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| **9.45 am: Parish Communion** | | |
| ***and Prayers for Healing***  **& Go MAD on Sundays**  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship* | | |
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| ***We welcome Revd Elaine Garrish as our Celebrant & Preacher today.*** | | | **O Come, O Come Emmanuel.** |
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| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday: 18th December** | |
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| **Monday - Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday** 9.30am Holy Communion  **Saturday:** 8.30am Barnabas Fellowship |  | **8.00 am Holy Communion**  **9.45 am Parish Communion**  *Isaiah 7: 10-16; Romans 1: 1-7*  *St Matthew 1: 18-25* | |
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### Today's Collect

**LORD Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the worlds we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

***Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10 page 719***

***James 5: 7-10 page 1216***

***Gospel: St Matthew 11: 2-11 page 976***

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**Post Communion Prayer**

E give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle is us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

**NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** is at 7.00pm this coming Saturday, 17th December: this should be a wonderful outreach opportunity. Do invite your friends and neighbours to come with you.

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER should have been delivered by now. If you haven’t done so yet, please deliver yours within the next three days.**. *If you don’t have a road to deliver to, please see Maureen Pattison to take one on: it’s all hands to the pump, and important parish outreach.* We also have printed some large copies of the front cover: do take one and put it up in your front window as a poster.

**LIGHTS OF LIFE TREE** the Lights of Life Christmas Tree will be by the Font from today as a place where departed loved ones can be remembered at this time. We invite you to spend some time in reflection by the tree, perhaps recording their name on one of the tags provided and placing on the tree.

**CHRISTMAS** is only 2 weeks away:

* **the church will be decorated** at 11.30am on Friday 16th December. **Fresh flower decoration** will be done on Thursday 22nd December at 10.30am in time for the Carol Service. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the Christmas flowers please see Sue Jull or Marion Perry;
* please pick up any **cards** addressed to you as quickly as possible from the table at the back of the church;
* please come and join Lyndon and Barbara in the Vicarage for an **carols, wine, and nibbles** on Monday 19th December from 7:30pm. All welcome.
* and on Christmas Eve everyone is invited to join them in the Vicarage for **coffee and mince pies after the morning service**. If you cannot make the service they would still love to see you, and look forward to welcoming you.
* if anyone has a need for, or knows anyone who needs, **transport to come to the 11.00am Eucharist on Christmas Eve**, please pass details to one of the Churchwardens.

**ST ANDREW’S DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR**  is now only 3 weeks away! The celebrations formally begin on Sunday 8th January with a **Service of Thanksgiving**: the visiting preacher on that day will be The Very Revd. David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Afterwards there will be a **shared lunch** with an International Theme arranged by Kemi, Ola and Elizabeth. As it is so soon after Christmas, we would like you to **sign up now** on the list on the noticeboard at the back of church, if you would like to attend the lunch. If you can help with the setting up or can **bring some food** please let Kemi or Ola know. In the evening we shall be having an **Epiphany Carol Service**. We look forward to seeing you at the start of our Jubilee celebrations.

**ST PAUL’S CATHEDRAL PRIVATE PILGRIMAGE TOUR** do let me know ***as urgently as possible*** whether you wish to come on this special Diamond Jubilee event on February 11th. *Pam Storey*

**USED STAMPS** a reminder that we collect these for St Luke’s Hospice, who raise several £000s each from this. Please save them from your post and put them in the tin on the table by the door to the Vestibule.

## **CAR PARK** we are trying to keep the leaves cleared up – but do take extra care because the ground can be very slippery, especially when wet. Secondly, please do take care not to drive up over the kerb onto the grass verge – it’s easily damaged, especially now when the ground is so soft.

**MIDDLESEX MOUNTAINEERS** the next walk will be on Saturday 7th January 2017, within the Chilterns and *under* 5 miles: make a note of the date now! Fuller details will follow. *Martin Wise*.

**JUBILEE 2017** we need your help for contacting as many ex St. Andrew's people as possible, to inform them about the events next year. When contacting them this Christmas, please tell them about our Diamond Jubilee year and direct them to the website [www.standrewsroxbourne.org.uk](http://www.standrewsroxbourne.org.uk), for the calendar of events for 2017. They (or you on their behalf and with their permission) can register their email address by sending an email to [Roxbournejubilee@aol.com](mailto:Roxbournejubilee@aol.com), and will then receive more regular information about events and also be able book places. *Wendy Godwin*

**DIAMOND JUBILEE COOKBOOK** I need lots more recipes. Please send me a copy of your recipe with a photo of it and yourself please! *Gill Moore*.

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**Diary dates**

***DECEMBER***

**Saturday 17th Carol Service**

**2017 – diamond jubilee year**

***JANUARY***

**Saturday 7th Middlesex Mountaineers’ Walk**

**Sunday 8th Diamond Jubilee opening Service of Thanksgiving, & Lunch**

**Epiphany Carol Service**

**Saturday 21st/22nd 24 Hours of Prayer**

***FEBRUARY***

**Saturday 4th Messy Church**

**Jubilee Quiz**

**Saturday 11th St Paul’s Cathedral Pilgrimage tour**

**Tuesday 28th Shrove Tuesday Pancakes**

***MARCH***

**Friday 3rd Women’s World Day of Prayer**

**Saturday 11th Parish Retreat Day**

***APRIL***

**Saturday 8th Messy Church**

**Saturday 23rd APCM**