**PRAYER DIARY**

**RIP** we remember with love and thanksgiving the anniversaries of:

Edward Perry (11th); Alan Wren; Linda June Hart (12th); Alfred Frederick Shadbolt (14th).

**For healing and other needs:** Brian Cockram; Michael Donnellan.

**Long term sick:** Alan Grayston; Sam Hanson; Charlie Shirren.

**Our Church Families:** Chez Keogh; Molly King; Mary Kirkup; Zara Krawciw ; Youngmi, Jounghoon, Suhyung and Taeyang Kwon; Lortaine Less; Pamela Lemar; Surgjae, Minjae, and Kanghak Lee.

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

**The Parish**: Our local Schools Heathland; Roxbourne; Newton Farm; Rooks Heath; Moriah Jewish; Alexandra Special.

**The Church** This is the second week leading up to Christmas. May we remember John the Baptist playing a part in this great occasion.

**Ourselves and the Nation:** May the joys leading up to Christmas be to the fore in our thoughts. A happy birth in these troubled times.

**The Persecuted Church**: **libya –** Captured African migrants heading to Europe are being sold into slavery in modern-day slave markets in Libya, news [footage](http://edition.cnn.com/2017/11/14/africa/libya-migrant-auctions/index.html) aired on 15 November has revealed. Several more slave markets have been discovered around the country. Among these refugees are Christians, including many Eritreans, fleeing religious persecution in their home countries. One migrant described Libya as a “hell,” where he lived in “permanent fear of being … picked up by a militia group and sold off as a slave.” The UN Secretary-General condemned the latest revelations as “among the most egregious abuses of human rights and may amount to crimes against humanity,” and has called for an investigation.

**Capital Vision 2020** God help us to be good stewards of the things you have given us. Inspire us with new ways to welcome our communities through the doors of our church buildings.

**Prayer of the Week** God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that Your Son Jesus Christ at His coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for Himself; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

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| **SUNDAY, 10th DECEMBER 2017 ADVENT II** | | | |
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| **8.00am: Holy Communion**  **9.45am: Parish Communion**  ***with Prayers for Healing***  **& Go MAD on Sunday**  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship* | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday: 17TH DECEMBER** | |
| **Monday - Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**  9.30 am Holy Communion  **Saturday:**  8.30am Barnabas Fellowship |  | **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  *Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11*  *I Thessalonians 5: 16-24*  *St John 1:6-8,19-28* | |
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### Today's Collect

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

***Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11***

***II Peter 3: 8-15a***

***Gospel: St. Mark 1: 1-8***

**Post–Communion Prayer**

**Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER** is now printed and should have been delivered by today. There are some that still need to be delivered. Please see Les Pattison if you are able to deliver some. Our delivery system depends on YOU; it is a vital part of our outreach to the wider parish. It should only take around 40 minutes of your time. *Communications committee*

**VICARAGE CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND NIBBLES** We warmlyinvite everyone to join us for drinks and nibbles in the vicarage on Monday 18th December from 7pm to celebrate Christmas. We look forward to seeing you.

*Lyndon and Barbara*

**LIGHTS OF LIFE TREE** The Lights of Life Tree will be by the Font from the 18th December 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.

*Peter & Georgina Sage*

**CHURCH FINANCES** It costs around £3000 each week to keep St Andrew’s functioning and that is about £19 for each person on the church’s register (Electoral Roll).

* Our income comes from two main sources: the congregation provide nearly 33% through the Planned Giving Scheme (often referred to as ‘Stewardship’); our Hall rentals account for a further 60%. The rest is made up from collections, donations and other fund-raising like the Christmas Market and Social events.
* If we are to plan for the future development of St Andrew's then it is really helpful for us to know how much money will be coming in each month. We all need to pray about our appropriate level of giving. The New Testament talks of giving a percentage of income (I Cor 16 v2) and many Christians find 10% a useful guide, but everyone’s circumstances are different. St Paul teaches (2 Cor 9 vs 7 – 9) that the motivation and standard of giving should be Jesus - and his generosity to us.
* If at the moment you contribute when you are here, in the collection, do think about joining the Stewardship scheme and giving a regular monthly amount. Full details are available in the packs marked **"Giving for Growth"** in the bookcase at the back of church.
* We do encourage giving by standing order through your bank which can be changed or cancelled at any time and does save a lot of work for the Sidespeople and Stewardship Recorder.
* If you  want to discuss any other details of Stewardship giving please do come and see me after the service or in my absence Peter Sage.

Many thanks   *Wendy Godwin*

**ADVENT CONCERT** Eastcote and Ruislip Choral Society are giving a concert at St Edmund’s Church, Northwood Hills at 3.30pm on Saturday 16th December. The main work will be Alan Bullard’s ***O Come Emmanuel***, (the same composer who wrote Wondrous Cross which many enjoyed at St Andrew’s on Palm Sunday). And there will also be carols for choir and audience in which the renowned Bourne Primary School Choir will also contribute. Tickets are £12 (under 12s free)

j0336203[1]**Diary dates**

**2017 – Diamond Jubilee Year**

***DECEMBER***

**Saturday 23rd Carol Service**

***FEBRUARY***

**Saturday 10th messy church**

1. **St Andrew’s Diamond Jubilee Year is now 11 months old !**
2. *There are* ***Roxbournejubilee Facebook*** *and* ***WhatsApp groups*** *where you can find out more about the remaining events taking place during the Jubilee Year!*
3. *Please send any items for next week’s STARLINK to Robert Crowhurst by midday this Wednesday, preferably by email (robcrowhurstt@btinternet.com); or otherwise by hard copy to 131, Exeter Road.*