**PRAYER DIARY**

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

* William Copas (18th); William Grice & Rose Odell (20th) – whose Anniversaries fall at this time**.**

**For healing and other needs:** Ann Bidder;Len Gray; Sam Green; Lyndon North.

**Long term sick:** Michael Donellan;Daphne Dyer;Alan Grayston; Sam Hanson; Charlie Shirren.

**Our Church Families:** Anna Dias; Michael Donnellan; Dorothy Dowse; Daphne Dyer; Carlos DeSousa; Carole Evans; Clair Elven..

**Happy Birthday to:** Angela Zadarian & Joseph Whalen (14th); Laura Jull (16th); Etham Malaj (18th): Peter Sage, Laila Bayefio & Vania Desousa-Malaj (19th); Heidi North (20th).

**The Parish**: Minehead Court;Minehead Road; Newlyn Gardens; Newquay Crescent; Ovesdon Avenue; Perwell Avenue.

**The Church:** Father, as we travel into Epiphany may we see the revelation of Jesus; thank you for Simeon and the many others who have taken that first step into faith.

**Ourselves and the Nation:** Father, take us into the Epiphany season with you as our leader. Bless all our leaders – spiritual, political, financial and social..

**The Persecuted Church**:Laos authorities in the district in southern Laos arrested four Christians from the same village, along with a pastor from a neighbouring village who they had invited to help organise Christmas celebrations. By inviting the pastor, they had breached regulations which only permit believers to celebrate Christmas within their own village. At the time of writing the five believers have not yet been released.

1. **Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors**: we pray for those starting up their own businesses*.*

**Prayer of the Week** The Magi were prepared to leave their homes to search for the new King whose sign was a star in the East. We too must be prepared to search and become a pilgrim people. Give us the strength to put false security behind us and live as if we were on that journey. Amen.

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| **SUNDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 2018 EPIPHANY II** | | | |
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| **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  ***with Prayers for Healing***  **& Go MAD on Sunday**  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship*  ***We welcome today Revd Alison Christian as our Celebrant and Preacher*** | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday: 21st January** | |
| **Monday - Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday:** 9.30 am Holy Communion  **Saturday:**  8.30 am Barnabas Fellowship |  | **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  *Genesis 14: 17-20; Revelation 19: 6-10*  *St John 2: 1-11* | |
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### Today's Collect

**A**

**LMIGHTY God, in Christ you make all things new:**

**transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

***Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5 page 3***

***Acts 19: 1-7 page 1115***

***Gospel: St Mark 1: 4-11 page 1002***

**G**

**Post–Communion Prayer**

**OD of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:**

**fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**NOTICES**

**BIBLE READING**  now is the time to let Barbara Wood know that you want to have Bible Reading Fellowship notes for another year (or to start off with, if you haven’t had them before!) Please speak to her by no later than Sunday 4th February. There will be 3 copies a year, each covering 4 months, at a cost of £4.50 each – total £13.50 for the year. Sample copies of *New Daylight* and *Guidelines* are available for you to look at at the back of church – please do not take them away, but take a few minutes to sit quietly and peruse them.

**FAMILY FLOWER** for January has been donated by Gill Moore in memory of her mother.

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE** no-one handed in a list of words able to be made from the word “CHRISTMAS” – so the valuable prize goes unclaimed and will be returned to the bank vault! *Robert Crowhurst*

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY FLOWER** has been donated by Sue Brown in memory of her father, Arthur Taylor.

**CONTACT** Gladys Horsley is at present in Woodland Hall Care Home, Clamp Hill Stanmore HA7 3BG.

**QUIZ EVENING** is on Saturday evening, 24th February. See Sue McLeod or any other member of the Social Committee for tickets and further details.

**CHURCH FINANCES** we’ve recently had the news that the NatWest bank at Rayners Lane will close in 6 months’ time.

* This is not the first local bank to close recently and neither will it be the last. HSBC in South Harrow, the branch we have used for many years to bank the cash collections, cheques and other monies received by St Andrew’s, closed its doors in 2017 and so now we have to travel further afield to make deposits.  
  there will come a time when we cannot expect volunteers to travel further, to pay parking charges and to sometimes carry large quantities of cash to distant bank branches, on top of the time taken to count collections and record receipts.
* **Please help us by paying your Stewardship by standing order** - I can help you with the relevant form and this method of payment can be adjusted or stopped by you at any time, again with our help if necessary.
* We do not expect everybody to use online banking (as the banks do seem to assume) but it may be that if you are not in Stewardship and you only donate to the collection irregularly that we can come up with some system for this.  Please do come and chat to me after any service if you think that you can ease the load of those dealing with the finances.

Many thanks. *Wendy Godwin*

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday 25th January at 8.00pm at 8, Drake Road.  Our aim is to come up with ideas for 2018 after such a successful 2017.  There is room at the table for anyone who would like to join this committee.  Please let me know if you would like to come.        *Susan McLeod*

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***FEBRUARY***

**Saturday 10th Messy Church**

**Saturday 24th Quiz Evening**

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1. *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.*