**PRAYER DIARY**

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

* Ann Bidder, who has recently departed this life *and*
* Ann Bendall, Ray Cunningham & Doris Lonsdale (25th); Iris Morris (27th); Alfred Hastings & Betty Williams (28th); Victor Moyse (2nd) – whose Anniversaries fall at this time.

**For healing and other needs:** Daphne Dyer;Sam Green; Peter Sage.

**Long term sick:** Lyn Condon;Loui Efstathiou; Alan Grayston; Sam Hanson; Charlie Shirren.

**Our Church Families:** Edward Nadkarni; Chris & Pam Netsel; Eribu Nakabele; Keith & Sue Nicholls; John & Joyce Nickolay.

**Happy Birthday to:** Robert Crowhurst (25th); Bimbo Ayorinde (26th); Sam Prower (27th); Pam Lemar (28th); Luke Palmer & Simon Narayan (1st); Kardine Skruypuska-Sudhakeran (2nd); Tarusavins Thabrew (3rd).

**The Parish**: Exeter Road; Field Rend Road; Hamilton Crescent; Harlech Gardens; High Worple; Hodson Close; Holyrood Avenue; Ivy Close; Kenilworth Avenue.

**The Church:** Father, thank you for the social and community life here at St Andrew’s. May your church here long remain as a beacon in this parish to your ministry.

**The Persecuted Church**:Sudan : A church belonging to the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in the Khartoum suburb of Haj Yousif was demolished on 11th February. The police confiscated furniture, Bibles and musical instruments, before knocking down the 29-year-old building despite a pending legal appeal. Government officials claimed the congregation did not have the required permission to meet in the area, though leaders said they have the correct legal documents for the church, built in 1989.

**Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors**: we pray for social workers*.*

**Ourselves and the Nation:** Father, bless and guide our social leaders as they lead our charities along their chosen paths. May they always be aware of your shepherdi8ng of us as they progress forward.

**Prayer of the Week** To you alone, O Jesus, I must cling: running into your arms, dear Lord, there let me hide, safe from all fears, loving you with the tenderness of a child. Amen

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.*

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| **SUNDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2018: LENT II** | | | |
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|  | | | *Hide thy face from my sins,*  *and blot out all mine iniquities.*  *Psalm 51: 17* |
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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* | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday: 4th March** | |
| **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**  *Exodus 20: 1-17; I Corinthians 1: 18-25*  *St John 2: 13-22*  **6.30 pm: Choral Evensong** | |
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### Today's Collect

**LMIGHTY God, you show to those who are in error the light of you truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:**

**grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all things as are agreeable to the same;**

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

***Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16 page 16***

***Romans 4: 13-25 page 1131***

***Gospel: St Mark 8: 31-38 page 1012***

**NOTICES**

**WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** S. Harrow Churches Together’s annual service is at St. Paul's Church, Corbins Lane, 2.00pm on Friday 2nd March. Everyone welcome: please do support. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. *Enid Scott-Kerr.*

**OLD STYLE £10 NOTES** cease to be legal tender on Thursday 1st March. Please make sure that after today you do ***not*** put them in the collection, Stewardship envelopes or the wall safe and candle stand.  If you take the old notes to your bank they will for the time being exchange them for new notes. *Wendy Godwin*

**MESSY CHURCH** a really big thank you to everyone who helped with Messy Church last Saturday. We had over 30 children attending plus parents and even grandparents! The next Messy Church is on Saturday, March 10th, 10.00am – 12 noon and the theme will be Easter. If you can help in any way, please let me know. Thank you. *Gill Moore.*

**PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY** at Christ Church Roxeth, 6.30-8.00pm, next Sunday 4 March. A joint service with churches and Christians from across South Harrow to pray together for our local community - with a particular focus for prayer on the recent rise in local gang violence. Prayer will be interspersed with sung worship; followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**SCOUTING AT ST ANDREW’S** do you know that there is Scouting at St. Andrew's every Tuesday evening? All boys and girls aged 6 to 12 are welcome. For more information contact Joan Oxenham 07802 700893 or 020 8248 5861.

*6.00pm:  BEAVERS for 6- 8 year olds; 7.00pm: CUBS aged 8 years old+*

*7.30pm: SCOUTS aged 10 years+*

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***MARCH***

**Saturday 3rd Lent Lunch**

**Saturday 10th Messy Church**

**Saturday 17th Lent Lunch**

**Saturday 24th Church Spring Cleaning Day**

***APRIL***

**Sunday 22nd APCM**

***MAY***

**Saturday 19th May Ball**

***JUNE***

**Saturday 30th Summer Bar-B-Q**

**Saturday 22nd Race Night**

**LENT 2018**

**LENT APPEAL** we are supporting the Diocese of London’s Appeal – ***Tackling Homelessness Together***. This matches our Christmas Appeal (the Harrow Night Shelter) but is wider – supporting another 14 local homelessness charities across the Diocese as well. Please give generously in the special envelopes provided in the pews or available from sides-people – and if you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation by completing your personal details.

***8,000 people sleep rough in Greater London every year***, double the recorded figure in 2010. Severe weather conditions can prove fatal for anyone sleeping rough, and night shelters play an immensely important role in providing homeless people with a haven that is safe, warm and off the streets.

***Rough sleeping is a dangerous and isolating experience.*** As well as leaving people hungry and cold, Crisis reports that people sleeping rough are more likely to be victims of crime and almost 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence (in the past year compared to the general public). Women are particularly vulnerable: nearly one in four have been sexually assaulted whilst rough sleeping. Additionally, many people who rough sleep develop issues with drugs and alcohol.

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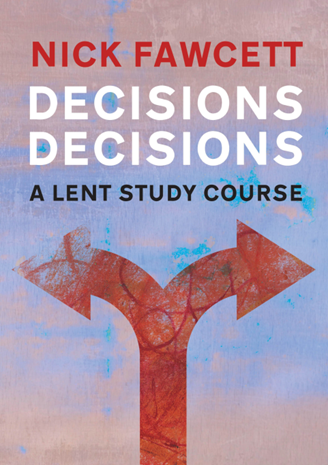
**LENT LUNCHES** are being hosted by some of our House Groups at 12.00 noon until 1.30pm in the Youth Centre. Remaining ones are on:

* Saturday March 3rd *and*
* Saturday March 17th

Do come to at least one, and preferably both (only 16 came to the first one on 17th February – but everyone has to have lunch!) The cost is what you would normally pay to have lunch, so up to you! Soup, cheese and bread will be served – and possibly some fruit.  Their purpose is to empathise with those who have little to eat and raise extra money for our Lent appeal.

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**LENT STUDY GROUPS *the Groups begin meeting this week!***

****There is still time to sign up. Details of when each Group meets can be found on the notice at the back of Church, along with the contact details of each Group Leader. Please contact any of the Leaders if you would like to join their group, or speak to Keith Nicholls (0208 422 6655) or Pam Storey (0208 868 9624). The course booklet (“Decisions Decisions £6) is now available from Pam or Keith. (The booklet can also be used for private study if you cannot join a Group).

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**LENT LABOUR** please make a priority of joining us for the church Spring Clean on Saturday morning, 24th March. This is a “whole Church activity” for us all to work as a team and get an important job done – “many hands make light work”!