**PRAYER DIARY**

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

Alfred James Wicks; Rev. Richard Brown; Doreen Bedford (19th).

**For healing and other needs:** Trish Bevan; Sam Green; Peter Sage; Tom Williams; Alan Heyes; Eleanor Scott-Kerr.

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

**Our Church Families:** Peter and Georgina Sage; Enid, Douggie and Eleanor Scott-Kerr; Mercy Sigauke and Ruvimbo Nganjo; Paul Sinden; Edna Smith; Pam Storey; Ray Stockwell ; Luciana and Michael Simmonds.

**Happy Birthday to:** Claire Elven (18th); Olujide Kuti (19th); Sue Nicholls; Katrina Daly; Amede Anene (22nd); Douggie Scott-Kerr; Mie Hamilton; Gill Trevethan (23rd); Ann Whelan (24th).

**The Parish**: Newquay Cresent; Ovesdon Avenue; Pembroke Avenue; Perwell Avenue; Perwell Court; Primrose Close; Ravenswood Crescent.

**The Church:** Father next week starts our passion week. Make us more aware of your love for us. Make us more receptive of your care for us. Allow us to offer back to you our respect and humility. May we draw ourselves totally to you and you alone.

**Ourselves & the Nation:** Father as we stumble from one tension to another may love replace doubt, mistrust be overcome by peace, may your will be done upon this your earth.

**The Persecuted Church**:Kyrgyzstan: the 40 members of a Baptist church in Kajisay – a small town in the Issyk-Kul region that borders China – feared for their safety when attackers set fire to their church on 2 January. They were told by police that the attack was ‘organised by those who don’t like your church and Christianity in the midst of a Muslim country. Many Christians in Central Asia have to live with such threats of violence and destruction. And often, the perpetrators aren’t brought to justice.

**Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors**: we pray for those working in construction.

**Prayer of the Week**

1. Lord, I am part of the tension and injustice of the world. Forgive our human selfishness, to which I contribute; heal the resentment between people, of which I am a part; and come into the world’s conflicts, in which I share by being human.
2. Take my unworthiness and sorrow, and use them in your great work of healing and redeeming humanity.

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| **SUNDAY, 18th MARCH 2018 PASSION SUNDAY** | | | |
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|  | | | *“Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.”*  *St John 1: 29* |
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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: 25th 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**  *Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11*  *St Mark 15: 1-39* | |
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### Today's Collect

**OST merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:**

**grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;**

**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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 page 793***

***Hebrews 5: 5-10 page 1204***

***Gospel: St John 12: 20-33 page 1080***

**NOTICES**

**CHURCH SPRING CLEAN** please make a priority of joining us for the church Spring Clean this coming Saturday morning, 24th March from 10-12. There is work to do both outside and inside the Church. Coffee and doughnuts provided. 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!

**OLD STYLE £10 NOTES** are now no longer legal tender. Please do ***not*** put them in the collection, Stewardship envelopes or the wall safe or candle stand.  If you take the old notes to your bank they will for the time being exchange them for new notes. *Wendy Godwin*

**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+*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL** after our service on Maundy Thursday evening we will be sharing an Agape meal together. This is a very simple meal of lamb and salads, bread and cheese. If you would like to join us please sign the sheet at the back of the church indicating what you would like to bring. Every-one is welcome. If you have any questions please speak to me. Many thanks.

*Barbara*

**THANK YOU**-  many thanks for your prayers, cards and good wishes after my recent stays in hospital. They were all very much appreciated. Also thanks to those those who took Georgina shopping and to the hospital.   *Peter Sage*

j0336203[1]**Diary dates**

***MARCH***

**Saturday 24th Church Spring Cleaning Day**

***APRIL***

**Sunday 22nd APCM**

***MAY***

**Saturday 19th May Ball**

***JUNE***

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

***SEPTEMBER***

**Saturday 22nd Race Night**

**LENT 2018**

**LENT APPEAL** in remembering today mothers (and women generally) and children, let us remember those whose lives are broken and live on the streets.

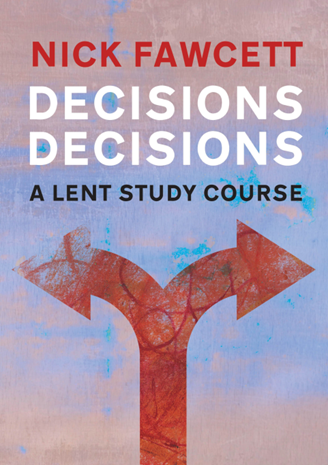
This year we are supporting the Diocese of London’s Appeal – ***Tackling Homelessness Together***. This matches our Christmas Appeal (the Harrow Night Shelter) but is wider – supporting another 14 local homelessness charities across the Diocese as well. Please give generously in the special envelopes 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 STUDY GROUPS**

****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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1. ***Please send any items for next week’s STARLINK to Robert Crowhurst by midday this Wednesday, preferably by email (robcrowhurst@btinternet.com); or otherwise by hard copy to 131, Exeter Road.***