**PRAYER DIARY**

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

* Peter Long – who has recently departed this life; *and*
* Edward Perry (11th); Alan Wren; Linda Hart (12th); Alfred Shadbolt (14th) – whose Anniversaries fall at this time.

**For healing and other needs:** Peter Coe; Michelle Macmillan-Harvey; Alan Tinsey; David Wheeler; Mark & Gemma and their new baby; Nigel and family.

**Long term sick:** Alan Grayston; Sam Hanson; Maureen Huxtable; Richard Jones.

**Our Church Families:** Jean, John & Christina Murch; Sharron Morrish; Elfreda Morris; Emilia Mushonga; Georgina Muxlow.

**Happy Birthday to:** Edna Smith (9th); Emily Bidder; Dennis Lewis (12th ).

**The Parish**: Tresco Gardens; Veldene Way; Walton Crescent; Warden Avenue; Warden Court; Wilton Avenue.

**The Church, Ourselves, & the Nation:** Father, bless us all as we go through Advent. Keep us focused as we remember that Christ was Sent for us all..

**The Persecuted Church**:Nepal: after being secretly followed and filmed, [four Christians (two of them Japanese) were reported to the police and arrested](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Kathmandu,-four-Christians-arrested-for-'forced-conversion'-of-dalit-45396.html) in early November near Kathmandu, charged with breaking Nepal’s anti-conversion laws. If convicted, the two Nepalis arrested could face five years in prison and a 50,000 rupee (around £340) fine, while the Japanese Christians could potentially receive the same prison sentence or be deported.

**Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors**: we pray for all those working in museums and tourist attractions in London.

**Prayer of the Week: a Morning in Advent***.* Christ our Advent hope, bare brown trees etched dark across a winter sky, leaves fallen, rustling, ground hard and cold - remind us to prepare for your coming; remind us to prepare for the time when the soles of our feet will touch the ground, when you will become one of us, or be at one with us.

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| **SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2018: ADVENT II** | | | |
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| **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  **with Prayers for Healing**  *and* **Go Mad on Sunday**  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship*  **6.30 pm: Meditations & Music for Advent** | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday: 16th December** | |
| **Monday – Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**: 9.30am Holy Communion  **Saturday:**  8.30 am Barnabas Fellowship |  | **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  *Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7*  *St Luke 3: 7-18*  **6.30 pm: Advent Music & Meditations** | |
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### Today's Collect

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**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 sand deliver us; 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: Baruch 5: 1-9 Apocrypha***

***Philippians 1: 3-11 page 1178***

***Gospel: St Luke 3: 1-6 page 1029***

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**Post-Communion Collect**

**ATHER 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**

**People look east, the time is near**

**Of the crowning of the year;**

**Make your house fair as you are able,**

**Trim the hearth and set the table;**

**People look east and sing today –**

**Love the Guest is on the way.**

**Furrows be glad, though earth is bare –**

**One more seed is planted there;**

**Gird up your strength the seed to nourish,**

**That in time the flower may flourish;**

**People look east and sing today:**

**Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

*Eleanor Farjeon*

**LIGHTS OF LIFE TREE t**he Lights of Life Christmas Tree will be available in Church by the Font from 16th 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*

**MEDITATIONS AND MUSIC FOR ADVENT** these will take place tonight and next Sundays, & 16th December, both at 6.30pm. I shall be happy to give any further information. *Fr Lyndon*

**NEWS OF ALAN** Alan has been very poorly, but is hoping to be back home very soon. I am asking for help from people to visit him: please see me if you can join a rota for that. *Paul Hart*

**ADVENT APP** Bishop Sarah has launched a new app for Advent.It contains an introduction from Bishop Sarah and a set of brilliant daily meditations by Dr Jane Williams for each day of Advent; including a reflection, discussion point, prayer, bible reading and call to action.

* For Apple devices, download the app at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/a-good-advent/id1442078758?ls=1&mt=8>
  + For Android devices, download here: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.trellisys.papertrell.book81005675347

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** if you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event or just from your family, please place £5 for each plant, in an envelope, write the reason for the donation on the envelope and give it to Marion Perry by Sunday 16th December.  Let us to see if we can have a really wonderful display. *Wendy Godwin*

**HELP WILL BE NEEDED** this year to decorate the church for Christmas. We plan to arrange the Poinsettias on Friday 21st December at 10.00 am and we should finish by noon. There will be ladders to climb and boxes and plants to carry and so everybody is welcome, and there will be mince pies and coffee for refreshment.  We will also need help to clean the brass which will involve sitting and polishing to make everything sparkle for Christmas. I also require one or two people to collect the plants on the Thursday or Friday morning and deliver them to the church. Please let me know if you are available.

*Wendy Godwin 07889 249500*

**THE LEPROSY MISSION** all those who have boxes and have not yet done so please let me have them for emptying. *Rebecca Pennells*

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***DECEMBER***

**Saturday 22nd Carol Service**

1. St Andrew's Church bank details for one-off payments and gifts -
2. **PCC of St Andrew's Roxbourne Parish**
3. **Sort code: 40-11-58  A/C No: 20404810**
4. *Please note this is not the account for regular Stewardship Giving - please see Wendy Godwin  or Peter Sage for those details (Tel: 07889 249500)*

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