**PRAYER DIARY**

**We remember with thanksgiving the anniversaries of:** J P Meadows; Rev. Brian Shannon (4th); Ernest Perry (5th); Raymond Godwin; Michael Withey (6th).

**We give thanks for the continued recovery of:** Ralph Bedford; Luis Crystal; Jovito Dias.

**Prayer requested for healing and other needs:** Patricia John; Jean Murch; Ann Varley; Esme Williams.

**Long term sick:** Maureen Huxtable; Michelle Macmillan - Harvey; Bobby Pretty John; Cecil and Cecile Joseph; Joyce Lemar; Joan Oxenham; Peter Sage.

**Church Families:** Peter and Georgina Sage; Enid and Douglas Scott-Kerr; Mercy Sigauke and Ruvimbo Nganjo; Paul Sinden; Edna Smith; Pam Storey; Ray Stockwell; Luciana and Michael Simmonds; Lara and Russell Simonet; Karolina Skrzypinska; Emily Stokes; Victoria Suvorova; Anushka Swan; Sandra, Alestira and Naomi Alleyne-Smith.

**Happy Birthday to:** David Alleyne; Ratna Janagan (1st); Sue Jull; Phil Brown (2nd); Jean Murch; Simon Sudhakaran; Suja Jenay (3rd); Emma Broatch (6th).

**The Parish:** Ovesdon Avenue; Pembroke Avenue; Perwell Avenue; Perwell Court; Priomrose Close; Ravenswood Crescent.

**The Persecuted Church:** A Vietnamese priest was prevented from travelling to Japan to attend [a mass celebrated by the Pope](https://uk.reuters.com/news/picture/pope-francis-visits-japan-idUSRTX7AHDK) this weekend. The priest, Father Nguyen Dinh Thuc, believes he was prevented from travelling as a reprisal for his activism on behalf of fishermen who lost their livelihood after the [Formosa](https://www.csw.org.uk/2018/07/17/report/4048/article.htm) Company steel plant disaster in 2016. A notice signed by the immigration authorities states that Father Thuc was prevented from travelling for reasons of “national security and social order."

**Prayer of the Week**

O wisdom, mysterious word of God, coming forth from the Father and filling all creation with your life-giving power: Come and show us the way of truth.

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| **SUNDAY, 1st December 2019 ADVENT** | | | |
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| **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  **with Prayers for Healing**  *and* **Go Mad on Sunday**  **6.30** pm: Choral Evensong  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship* | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday 8th December** | |
| **Monday – Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**: 9.30am Holy Communion  **Saturday:**  8.30 am Barnabas Fellowship |  | **9.45 am: Parish Communion**  *Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13;*  *Matthew 3: 1-12* | |
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### Today's Collect

**lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.**  **Amen**

***Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5 page 686***

***Romans 13: 11-14 page 1140***

***Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44 page 994***

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**Post-Communion** Prayer

**Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**NOTICES**

**MESSY CHURCH** The next Messy Church is on Saturday, December 7th. The theme will be ' Christmas'. If you can help in any way, by running an activity or making sandwiches, bringing biscuits or cakes, then please let me know. Thank you. *Gill Moore*

**LIGHTS OF LIFE TREE** The Lights of Life Christmas Tree will be available in Church by the Font from 15th 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.

**BABY JOSHUA** Sadly Baby Joshua died but thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for Nina, Dev and Reuben at this difficult time.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Thank you so much to everyone who gave a box to Operation Christmas Child.We collected 50 boxes over 30 of which came from Star Friends.A BIG thank you to you all.

**CRIB SERVICE** We invite anyone who would like to help with planning the Crib Service to a meeting onMonday 9th December in the Vicarage at 7:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS DRINKS IN THE VICARAGE** We warmly invite you to drinks and snacks in the Vicarage on Thursday 9th December from 7:30pm*Lyndon and Barbara*

**THANK YOU** Thank you to those who have recently switched to paying their Stewardship contributions by Standing Order instead of envelopes. Those of us who empty the envelopes, count the money, record the contributions and travel some distance to pay the money into a bank, are very grateful to you and it also means that I have to make less envelope packs for 2020!

If you would like to change from giving monthly by envelope to a monthly Standing Order with your bank, I would happily help you to set one up.  I am also happy to help at any time with changing a Standing Order amount or cancelling.

It may be that you do not know about our Stewardship Giving at St Andrew's at all, or that you have wanted to join for some time. Do come and see me after any Sunday Service and I can give you an information pack to take home with you, so that you have plenty of time to decide what you would like to do or do send an email or call me. *Wendy Godwin*

**ST. ANDREW’S DAY** We had a whale of a time on Friday here at our plaice celebrating St Andrew’s Day. The food was not sofishticated, just fish and chips cooked by salmon else. It gave us a great oppor-tuna-ty to share, no-one was shellfish and we all enjoyed the evening. Now as I mullet over I say from the bottom of my sole thank Cod for St Andrew.

j0336203[1]**Diary dates**

*NOVEMBER*

**Friday** 29**th** St Andrew’s celebration

*DECEMBER*

**Saturday 7th** Messy Church

**Saturday 21st** Carol Service

**Tuesday 24th** Children’s Crib Service

**Tuesday 24th** Midnight Mass

*JANUARY 2020*

**Saturday 11th** Messy Church

*FEBRUARY*

**Saturday 8th** Messy Church

**Saturday 15th** Valentine’s Quiz

**Wednesday 26th** Ash Wednesday

*MARCH*

**Saturday 15th** Messy Church

**Sunday** 29**th** Lent Lunch

*APRIL*

**Saturday 4th** Messy Church

**Sunday 12th** Easter

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  Acc 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 Susan McLeod by midday this Friday, preferably by email (mcleod383@btinternet.com), or otherwise by hard copy to 8, Drake Road.***