**NOTICES**

**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS** I have Christmas and Advent Books from Sacred Space please see me if you want one. *Lyndon*

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**MESSY CHURCH** The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 14th December**. Any offers of help in running an activity or making sandwiches or cakes would be very much appreciated.Thanks. *Gill Moore*

**CHRISTMAS AT THE VICARAGE**  Please come and join us for cheese and wine on **Thursday 19th December** from **7 pm** as we celebrate Christmas. Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you. *Lyndon & Barbara*

**USED STAMPS**Please remember we collect these for charity. Any foreign or commemorative ones (including Christmas stamps.)  Please leave about 1cm from each edge and put them in the tin on the table by the door into the vestibule.  Thank you.

*Robert Crowhurst*

**HARROW FOOD BANK Please be generous.** There is a box for donations to the Harrow Food Bank at the back of the church.Last month we collected 16.25 kg of food and necessities. Let us give more this month as we think of others in need at this Christmas time. *David Alleyne*

**CHRISTMAS APPEALS** We are supporting **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.** Contributions can be cash in envelopes or by bank transfer using the information given below.. Envelopes are available in the pews.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENING**. This is on **Saturday 25th January 2025**, so please put it in your diary and think what kind of food you would like to bring.

*Social Committee*.

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***](mailto:mcleod383@btinternet.com)***), or otherwise by hard copy to 8 Drake Road.***



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| **SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2024** ADVENT **2** | | | |
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| **8.00 am: Holy Communion**  **10.00 am: Parish Communion**  **with Prayers for Healing**  *and* **Children’s Church**  *Please come to the Hall after the Service for Coffee, Tea & Fellowship* | | |
| **This Week’s Services** |  | **Next Sunday 15th December** | |
| **Monday – Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**: 9.30am Holy Communion |  | **8.00 am:** Holy Communion  **10.00 am: Parish Communion**  Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7;  Luke 3: 7-18 | |
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TODAY’S COLLECT

1. **Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

TODAY’S READINGS

***Malachi 3: 1-4***

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

***Philippians 1: 3-11***

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

***Luke 3: 1-6***

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the

region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler[ of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Father 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**

**PRAYER DIARY**

**RIP:** Tim Smith who died this week.

**This week we remember with thanksgiving the anniversaries of:** Edward Perry (11th); Alan Wren; Linda Hart (12th); Alfred Shadbolt (14th).

**Prayer request for healing and other needs:** Elizabeth Bello; Shannell Bortey; Michael Donnellan; Keith and Sue Nicholls; Jean McIntyre; Gill Moore; Reg Paine; Tim Smith; Pam Storey.

**The Parish:** Holyrood Avenue; Ivy Close; Kenilworth Avenue; Kings Court; Kings Road; Leamington Crescent; Lulworth Close; Lulworth Gardens; Lynton Road.

**Church Families:** Alan, Marina, Edward and Elizabeth Tinsey; Karen Titmus;Sheila Tucker; Christopher and Marian Twentyman.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

**As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God. We thank you that you are both sovereign and gracious. Help us to find rest in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world. Amen.**

 **CHRISTMAS TREES**

The tree, traditionally an evergreen such as a pine, has for centuries been used to celebrate winter festivals in both the Christian and pagan tradition. Christmas trees displayed in town centres began in the 16th century in northern Europe. Christmas trees in the home began in Germany and by the nineteenth century they could be found displayed in homes across northern Europe. Queen Victoria made them popular here. The Christmas tree has continued to endure throughout the decades: whilst decorations and styles have changed, the symbolism and significance remains.