**NOTICES**

I have Christmas and Advent Books from Sacred Spa

**ROY CASTLE LUNG CANCER CHARITY** We raised £961.25 in total for our Advent charity.

**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*

**INTERNATIONAL EVENING**. St Andrew’s is a diverse community and we are celebrating our diversity with food, art and music on **Saturday 25th January from 7.30.** There will be music and dancing with foods from many different cultures. There is a list at the back of the church, sign up and let us know you are coming and what you are bringing. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. *Social Committee*

**HARROW FOOD BANK** There is a box for donations to the Harrow Food Bank at the back of the church.Items needed at the moment are listed on the box. The box will be delivered to the foodbank at the end of the month. Be generous especially now the weather is so cold. *David Alleyne*

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** at St Andrew's with the Bishop of London on **Sunday 18th** **May**. If you would like to be confirmed please speak to Lyndon.

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, 12th JANUARY 2025**  THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST | | | |
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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 19th January** | |
| **Monday – Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**: 9.30am Holy Communion |  | **8.00 am:** Holy Communion  **10.00 am: Parish Communion**  *Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6,8-10; Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21* | |
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TODAY’S COLLECT

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

TODAY’S READINGS

***Isaiah 43: 1-7***

But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

***Acts 8: 14-17***

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

***Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22***

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with[ the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved;[ with you I am well pleased.’

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**PRAYER DIARY**

**RIP:** Julian Szymanski

**This week we remember with thanksgiving the anniversaries of:** **:** John Greyson; Gwion Jones; Sheila Bruce (15th); Deidre Falconer (17th); William Copas (18th).

**Prayer request for healing and other needs:** Elizabeth Bello; Shannell Bortey; Gill Moore; Reg Paine; Pam Storey.

**Happy Birthday to:** Angela Zadarian; Sung Ho Kwon; Joseph Wallen (14th); Laura Jull (16th).

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

**Church Families:** Vincento Carrara; John and Rose Chamberlain; Vinod Danny, Sherin, Suja Jency Chandran; Ann – Marie Cunyngham; Robert Crowhurst; Lawrence Couell.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

**God of light, you sent your Spirit down upon your Son Jesus at his baptism. Send us your Spirit too, so that we may be filled with the courage to do all that you ask of us. Amen.**

