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**THE MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN** **Today**. those who have had new roses planted in memory of their loved ones have been invited to the Rose Garden, after the 10am service, when Lyndon will bless the new plants.

We are also taking this opportunity to collect for the Rose Fund, as a way for the congregation to show their appreciation for the lovely blooms. If you would like to donate, please use the yellow envelopes in the pews.

**AISHA AMPOFO** Today we give thanks for the life of Aisha Ampofo. We pray for members of her family as they join us on the tenth anniversary of her passing.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENING** Wow, what a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity of our church community! There was a tremendous variety of delicious food representing the different countries. The music was fantastic and we had a great time trying out the line dancing. *Social Committee*

**MESSY CHURCH** The next Messy Church is on Saturday, February 8th and the theme will be 'Love'. All offers of help making cakes/cheese sandwiches and running an activity will be gratefully received.Thanks *Gill Moore*

**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. *David Alleyn*

**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.

**LOST** Silver, hallmarked table spoon mislaid at International Evening. Please look for it. Sentimental value as it was my mum’s. Thanks. *Susan McLeod*

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, 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 CANDLEMAS**  **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** | | | |
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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 9th February** | |
| **Monday – Friday**  9.00 am Morning Prayer [cw]  **Wednesday**: 9.30am Holy Communion |  | **8.00 am:** Holy Communion  **10.00 am: Parish Communion**  *Isaiah 6: 1-13; Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11* | |
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TODAY’S COLLECT

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen**

TODAY’S READINGS

***Malachi 3: 1-5***

“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.“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

***Hebrews 2: 14-18***

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

***Luke 2: 22-40***

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon[ took him in his arms and praised God, saying,‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’There was also a prophet, Anna[ the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

**PRAYER DIARY**

**This week we remember with thanksgiving the anniversaries of:** Alice Wood; Lileath Greyson (2nd); Dorothy Slater (3rd); Ivy Cunningham (7th).

**Prayer request for healing and other needs:** Ralph Bedford;Elizabeth Bello; Shannell Bortey; Gill Moore; Pam Storey; Martin Vowles; Angela Zadurian.

**Happy Birthday to:** Chloe Hill (2nd); Robert A Alleyne (3rd); Anton Jebanesan (5th**);** Dami Amode 8th).

**The Parish:** Rowe Walk; Somervell Road; Spinnells Road; Sterling Avenue; Stiven Crescent; Stradbrook Close; Stuart Avenue; The Bungalows; Thistledene Avenue.

**Church Families:** Colin and Andrea Gordon; Hihs Grant; Marva Greyson; Dominique, Daniel and Danny Thompson; Geoffrey, Keira and Judith Grice; Ashish, Ariham Audvik and Nidhi Gupta.

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

**O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing + these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of your name.**