

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we give thanks for the efforts of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil in reaching out to women who face discrimination.

**In Burundi** we pray that reconciliation may enable an end to violence, so that the country may become a beacon of peace rather than a place of fear and death.

**In our diocese** we hold to you all who are homeless. We pray for those people preparing food in homeless shelters and hostels around the country, remembering particularly the Coventry Winter Night Shelter. May their efforts to feed, clothe and give shelter bring God's blessing to many during this season.

**In our parish** we pray for all who live in Ingram Road, Karlingford Close & Innis Road and for the residents and staff of Beechwood Gardens Care Home.

**In our CTEC Prayer Cycle** we pray for the members of St Mary Magdalen Church and their minister, Rev'd Dwayne Engh.

**Those in need:**  
In hospital:

All those who are ill / recovering from surgery / awaiting results of recent medical tests / the housebound, of whom we name today:  
Ruby Brown, Hazel Cantes and Monica Harrison.

**We commemorate the departed:**

**In Annual Remembrance:**

Edith Viggars, Mabel Lea, Robert Lees, Henry Broadhurst,  
Mick Brown, Mary Tallis and Jean Burns.

*In the noise and rush of life, as you have intervals, step within yourself and be still. Wait upon God and feel his good presence; this will carry you through the day's business.*

*William Penn (1644 – 1714)*

If you would like someone mentioned in the **Weekly Sick List**, please email Ian Leitch on [ianleitch094@btinternet.com](mailto:ianleitch094@btinternet.com). If you would like a name placed on the **Prayer Chain** (which can be confidential), please speak to Christine O'Brien or email her at [prayerchstb@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchstb@gmail.com).



**ST BARBARA'S EARLSDON  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

**President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick**

**10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST**

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**HYMNS** 28R, Benedictus (BCP p10), 24R, Choir, 63G, 377G  
Red and Green Hymn Books

**SERVICE BOOK** Seasons - Advent (p1, pink)

**CHORAL SETTING** Appleford

**OLD TESTAMENT** Malachi 3:1-4

Peter Raistrick

**GOSPEL** Luke 3:1-6

Preacher

**SERMON** Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

**INTERCESSIONS** Mark Owen

**We light the second candle on the Advent ring:**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,

The prophets said you would bring peace

And save your people in trouble.

Give peace in our hearts at Christmas

And show all the world God's love. Amen.

After the 10am service you are invited to refreshments in the Hall

Please note the **Order of Service, Weekly Leaflet and hymns** are available in large print at the back of church each week. We have a loop system in church and you should switch to 'T' position for best reception.

### Instructions for taking Communion

Please wait for the sides-person (who gave you your hymn book) to direct you to the altar rail. If you wish to take communion in your seat please let a sides-person or duty warden know, if possible before the service starts.

### Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent:

O 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 and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## DIARY

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

1.30pm Good Neighbours Advent party (St Mary Magdalen);

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm Standing Committee (vicarage);

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am *Prayers and Bears* (doors open 8.45) in the WellSpring;  
11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship Christmas Celebration;  
2.30pm House Communion at Belvedere House (Ian Leitch);  
7.00pm Home group (Prayer House) before a shared meal.  
7.30pm Advent Study Group at Earlsdon Methodist Church;

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm CTEC Carol Singing (see note opposite);  
7.30pm Pilgrim Group (vicarage);

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Church Knitting Group (office);  
7.00pm Choir Practice;

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 June Green;  
Luke 3:7-18 Preacher;  
Sermon: Dan Rathbone;  
Intercessions: Marjorie Leitch;  
4.00pm Craft Workshops (Hall) – leading to;  
5.00pm *Buzz@StBs* Christmas Service, followed by tea;  
7.00pm Matrix Bowls Club Carol Service;

**Carriers of Hope** has run out of bedding and their families urgently need duvets, covers, pillows and pillow cases. Also, if you wish to help with their Dinner-in-a-Bag or with Christmas presents, please send £10 supermarket gift card to Sue Sampson, c/o 55 Garth Crescent, Coventry, CV3 2PP.

**Good Neighbours Training Sessions:** Could you visit an elderly or isolated person? Come along to Earlsdon Methodist Church on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec from 7.00-8.30pm or Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10.00-11.30am. All welcome.

**Rev'd Charles Higgins** sends a big thank you to all from St Barbara's who came to the licensing service, all who wrote in the card, and all who prayed from where they were. It was very much appreciated – with every blessing for a very happy Christmas, *Charles*

## NOTICES

**Christmas Craft Workshops** and **Buzz@StBs Christmas Service** next Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> December) will be a fun-filled special time for families. Beginning at 4pm, the Craft Workshops help to tell the Christmas story prior to gathering at 5pm to decorate our Christmas tree and sing carols. Suitable for all ages, this enjoyable afternoon is rounded off with tea and mince pies. Do encourage any young families to come and join in. If you can contribute an item of food for tea, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

**Psalm 23:** The Older Hive reworking of Psalm 23 attracted considerable interest, and we print it here. Well done, Older Hive!

*The Lord is my parent, what else do I need?*

*He loves and cares for me all the time.*

*He makes me pure.*

*He helps me do the right things because He wants to.*

*In hard times I am not afraid, because You are with me.*

*You shield me, protect me, and help me out.*

*You lay Yourself out even when I am in trouble.*

*You think I am special.*

*I even find I have more than I need.*

*I will have goodness and forgiveness every day.*

*I will follow God forever, and dwell in heaven with Him forever.*

**Advent celebration, Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Good Neighbours in Earlsdon and Chapelfields invites you to an Advent celebration. It's a chance to remember the meaning of Christmas and spend time together in friendship. Have a cup of tea and home baked cake, and sing a few carols together, from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. at St Mary Magdalen Church. If you need help with transport: please contact our new Good Neighbours coordinator, Jackie Kemp at [goodneighboursjackie@hopecoventry.org.uk](mailto:goodneighboursjackie@hopecoventry.org.uk), Tel: 07763 908 460. You will be welcome whether or not you are a regular 'church goer'.

**CTEC Carol Singing:** Come carol singing with CTEC around the local pubs on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December. Meet at the New Albany Pub at 6.25pm; move to the Old Clarence for 7.30pm, and to the Chestnut Tree for 8.30pm. Feel free to join in at any point. The plan is to sing for about 15 minutes at each venue and have a drink with the locals.

**Coventry City Mission:** Thank you all for the gifts for CCM; they were delivered to the mission last Monday. On behalf of CCM please pray for those in need of presents, those donating presents or funds, the agencies referring people to them and for CCM pulling everything together.

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