

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for that so many in our Anglican tradition are dedicating their lives to sharing God's love around the world.

In Burundi we pray that You will strengthen your church to stand for the ways of justice and righteousness and to reach out in love to the suffering.

In our diocese we pray for all those who will go to church in the next few days as a "once a year" experience, that they may have a real encounter with God and be moved to reconsider questions of life and faith.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Mayfield Road & Mickleton Road and for the residents and staff of Belvedere Park Nursing Home.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of All Souls' Church, for their priest, Father Michael Brandon, and for their deacon, Paul Rabvukwa.

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:
Mabel Cronin, John Montgomery and Ray & Gay Stopher.

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

Frank Chambers, Geoff Cuttler, Eira Matthews, Reg Watkin, Alfred Hill,
Alice Rickard, John Pavitt and Frank Hill.

Loving Lord, come to our world of military might and political blindness to overturn our tired ideas of power and glory; and cry over our cities, our refugee camps, our bombs, our greed, our superficial values until your wisdom invades our understanding. Amen.

If you would like someone mentioned in the **Weekly Sick List**, please email Ian Leitch on 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.



ST BARBARA'S EARLSDON
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2018
LAETARE SUNDAY

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

HYMNS 357, Magnificat (BCP p19), Choir, 1194, 1419, 314
Green Hymn Books

SERVICE BOOK Seasons - Advent (p1, pink)

CHORAL SETTING Appleford

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5:2-5a Geoff Lea

GOSPEL Luke 1:39-55 Preacher

SERMON Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

INTERCESSIONS Rosa Gilham

We light the fourth candle on the Advent ring:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
Blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your church preparing for Christmas;
And bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

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

Healing Prayer Team: Following the 10am service the team will be available in the font area to pray with anyone who would like prayer for healing – either for themselves or for another person.

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.

6.30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

SERVICE BOOK Special Service booklet (with carols).

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DIARY

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

10.45am House Communion at Melbourne House (Ian Leitch);
5.30pm Nativity Service;
11.30pm Midnight Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7 Geoff Lea;
John 1:1-14 Preacher;
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Keith Wright;

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 Ian Leitch;
Luke 2:1-7 Preacher;
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Gill Nottingham;

Wednesday 26th December – Boxing Day

No Midweek Communion service;
2.00pm Canley Ford Ramble (see note opposite);

Friday 28th December

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Sunday 30th December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Colossians 3:12-17 Andrea Driver;
Luke 2:41-52 Preacher;
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Elaine Parnell; Minister: Dan Rathbone;

Christmas Carol Service takes place this afternoon (Sunday 23rd Dec) at 6.30pm. Donations of mince pies will add to the celebration afterwards.

Carriers of Hope: Thanks for all donations for C o H from St Barbara's. There will be no collections from St Barbara's until 6 Jan, as C o H will be moving warehouse over the holidays. If you wish to support their Dinner-in-a-Bag or with Christmas presents, please consider sending a £10 supermarket gift card to Sue Sampson, c/o 55 Garth Crescent, CV3 2PP.

Information for inclusion in the WL should be sent in writing to Ian Leitch (email: ianleitch094@btinternet.com or 94, Earlsdon Avenue South) before the copy deadline of 6pm on Wednesday.

NOTICES

Our Nativity Service will be tomorrow afternoon (24th December) at 5.30pm. Encourage your young friends to come and join in as an angel or a shepherd. It is always our most popular service of the whole year, so please come in good time, as seats begin filling very early.

Boxing Day: All are welcome to join us for a short walk through Canley Ford, meeting at 2pm Wednesday 26th Dec outside the church and returning to the vicarage for cake, goodies and conversation from 3-4pm. Join for the walk or just for tea. All ages welcome. If you know for sure you are coming, do let Tulo or Sarah know to help with catering numbers, but for the more spontaneous, you'd still be welcome to pop in!

Ever wanted to read the whole Bible in a year? A group is forming to do that in 2019. You too could read it in a chronological style *COVER TO COVER COMPLETE* with a daily thought and contemplation. Interested? Have a word with Bashie, or email her at bbashie@gmail.com

New Diocesan Courses for the New Year: There are six courses from the diocese starting in the New Year:

- Jesus and the Gospels* is for all those seeking to get to know Jesus better through the Gospel narratives. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 14th January in St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry.
 - Leading Worship Services* is a brand-new course designed to equip you with confidence and skills for leading services. It runs on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 17th January in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.
 - Loving Difficult People* is a brand-new course to help you, as a Christian, deal with difficult people in your everyday life. It is on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from 8th January at St George's Church, Rugby.
 - Paul's Life, Mission and Letters* is a course to help you dig deeper into Paul's life and thought. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 25th February in St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry.
 - Needs-based Evangelism* is a brand-new course designed to equip you with confidence and skills for evangelism. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 11th March in St Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton.
 - Prayer* is an interactive course which will help refresh and reinvigorate your prayer life, giving you new ways to pray. It runs on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 7th March at St Andrew's Church, Eastern Green.
- Further details are at www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules

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