

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we pray for those people who have suffered through abuse of their human rights. Guide us to respect the rights of all people, irrespective of their sex, race and religion.

As we prepare to vote in the **General Election** on Thursday, give us an urgent sense of our responsibility, a clear and unbiased judgement, and a generous concern for the good of all people.

In our diocese we pray for families for whom the approach of Christmas is a painful time; for parents who have lost sons or daughters; for couples who are no longer together; for children who are unhappy, confused or in trouble; and for those who are alone.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Clarendon Street & Dorney Close and for the residents and staff of Elsie Jones House.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of All Souls' Church, for their priest, Father Paul Burch, 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:

Marion Arkell, Monica Harrison, Dorothy Hope and Peter Shankster.

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

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

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

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HYMNS

27R, Ps 72:1-7,18-19 (BCP p434), 484R, 192G,
384G, 150G Red and Green Hymn Books

SERVICE BOOK

Seasons – Advent (p 1, pink)

CHORAL SETTING

Appleford

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

Wena Hughes

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Preacher

SERMON

Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

INTERCESSIONS

Simon Harper

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.

Watching, waiting, help us to be ready for you Jesus. 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 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 9th December

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

Tuesday 10th December

7.30pm Standing Committee (vicarage);

Wednesday 11th December

9.30am *Prayers and Bears*, WellSpring (doors open 8.45am);

11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship Carol Service – followed by mince pies; WellSpring, Earlsdon Methodist Church;

Thursday 12th December

12 noon Wednesday Fellowship Christmas Lunch; Wesley Room, Methodist Central Hall.

6.30pm CTEC Carol Singing (see note opposite);

7.30pm Pilgrim Group (vicarage);

Friday 13th December

9.30am *Busy Bees @ St B's*; aka the Knitting and Creatives;

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Saturday 14th December

9.45am Work Party in Church and grounds;

Sunday 15th December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10 Michael Fabunmi;

Matthew 11:2-11 Preacher

Sermon: Dan Rathbone; Intercessions: Marjorie Leitch;

4.00pm Children's Christmas Craft Workshops;

5.00pm *Buzz@StBs* Christmas Service;

Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

A service gathered around the Christmas tree singing carols and re-telling the Christmas story, followed by tea.

To contact the Vicar, Rev'd Tulo Raistrick, please phone 024 7501 7889 (preferably not Mondays) or email tulo@raistricks.com

NOTICES

Christmas Fayre: Many thanks to Kate McGrory and Zara Field and to all their helpers for a most successful event that raised £943. There was a very happy atmosphere and visitors enjoyed themselves. Well done.

Good Neighbours Advent Tea: Good Neighbours is hosting an Advent tea for cake, chat and carol singing on Monday, 9th December from 1.30 – 3pm at St Mary Magdalen Church. Everyone is invited – especially any lonely or elderly people.

CTEC Carol Singing: Come carol singing with CTEC around the local pubs on Thursday 12th December. Meet at the Old Clarence at 6.30pm; move to the New Albany for 7.30pm, and to Earlsdon Park Village 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.

Christmas Craft Workshops and *Buzz@StBs* Christmas Service next Sunday (15th December) will be a fun-filled special time for families. Beginning at 4pm at the Craft Workshops, spend an hour in preparation for Christmas, making calendars, camels, angels, biscuits and so much more! At 5pm we gather around the Christmas tree to sing carols and re-tell the Christmas story. 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.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter: A very big thank you to all at St Barbara's for donating the proceedings from the coffee mornings on Sundays to the Winter Night Shelter. Your contribution to our project will make a big impact in the lives of those homeless people of our streets. I would like to thank you for all the support we are receiving from the parish, not just the donations but also for cooking and getting involved with the project. *Bernado Cañas, CWNS Project Coordinator.*

Coventry City Mission: Thank you all for the gifts for CCM; who were delighted to receive them. 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.

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.

St Barbara's Church PCC has the Registered Charity Number: 1185293.