

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church in Guyana, as it seeks to ease racial tensions, and we pray that divisions among the races that can lead to violence and other criminal behaviour may be overcome and that Guyana may remain in peace.

We pray for the **people of Kashmir**, and ask that mediation between the local and national politicians may find a peaceful and harmonious resolution of the present tension.

In our diocese we pray that as familiar carols are sung at the coming Christmas season, the words and meaning of these songs would be embraced afresh by all who sing them, that God may be glorified in our worship.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Earlsdon Avenue North and South and for the residents and staff of Herald Lodge.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Hearsall Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev'd David Sutcliffe.

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:

Wynne Addison, Harry Johnson, John Montgomery,
Peter Shankster and Gay Stopher.

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

Jean Burns, Margaret Drabwell, Patricia Mann,
Susan Campbell, Charlotte Hayward, Mildred Bowskill,
Pauline Watts, Jennifer Walters and Benjamin Brobbey.

*Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap steadfast love;
Break up your fallow ground for it is time to seek the Lord,
That he may come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12*

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019 GAUDETE SUNDAY

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

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HYMNS

24R, Magnificat (BCP p19), 139R, choir, 1575G,
1207G Red and Green Hymn Books

SERVICE BOOK

Seasons – Advent (p 1, pink)

CHORAL SETTING

Appleford

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:1-10

Michael Fabunmi

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Preacher

SERMON

Dan Rathbone

INTERCESSIONS

Marjorie Leitch

We light the third candle on the Advent ring:

Lord Jesus, light of the world, John told the people to prepare,
For you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day,
Help us to be ready to welcome you now. 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.

4.00 PM CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Hall

An hour of craft-making in preparation for Christmas, making calendars, camels, angels, biscuits and so much more!

5.00 PM Buzz@StBs CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

a service gathered around the Christmas tree, singing carols and re-telling the Christmas story, before finishing with tea.

Collect for Third Sunday of Advent:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DIARY

Tuesday 17th December

2.30pm House Communion at Aylesdene Court (Ian Leitch);

Wednesday 18th December

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

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

7.45pm Wednesday Group (67 Spencer Avenue);

Friday 20th December

No *Busy Bees* (resting, until they swarm on 10/1/2020);

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Sunday 22nd December

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

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

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 Kathryn French;

Matthew 1:18-25 Preacher

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Intercessions: Alison Manning;

6.30pm Christmas Carol Service; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Christmas Carol Service next Sunday (22nd December) starts at 6.30pm and is always a beautiful service of carols and readings, led by our excellent choir. Come and join in singing carols old and new, as we hear and receive the good news set forth in Scripture of the birth of Christ and offer God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols. Join us after the service for fellowship over some refreshments. If you are able to donate a few mince pies, it would further contribute to this festive occasion.

Good Neighbours matches volunteer friends to older people in the community who feel isolated, lonely or stuck at home. Being part of Good neighbours can involve visiting people in their home for a chat and a cuppa, or going out to local clubs. At this time of year even more people are afraid to go out of their house and become increasingly isolated. If you could offer or benefit from a little extra friendship or a wider social life, or want to know more about this scheme, please talk to Ian Leitch or email Jackie Kemp at goodneighboursjackie@hopecoventry.org.uk

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

NOTICES

Christmas Craft Workshops and **Buzz@StBs Christmas Service** this afternoon (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.

Busy Bees@StBs are taking a break until Friday 10th January.

The Monday Teapot is an opportunity for tea, coffee, cake, chat and company at St Mary Magdalen Church on the first Monday of each month from 10.30 until noon. The morning will offer friendship, conversation, activities and support. If you wish, you can join in and sing! All ages are welcome. The Monday Teapot opens on Monday, 6th January.

Instagram Training - 22 January: The Diocese of Coventry will be running free Instagram training on the 22nd January from 10.30am to 12.30pm at St John the Baptist, Berkswell. This training session will look at what makes a good church Instagram page. We will look at examples of good Instagram pages and examine ways to widen the reach of our posts. The session will cover: Creating an Instagram account, posting on Instagram, Creating posts, Instagram Stories, and Analytics. For tickets got to: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/instagram-training-tickets-82598922601

Free Video Resources for Churches: GoChatterCustomVideos.com and GoChatterVideos.com are a pair of websites designed for churches to use videos in their ministry. Go Chatter Custom Videos is a video creation tool. Used in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer campaign, the tool allows churches to customise a video template to create a video unique to their church context. Go Chatter Videos is a curated platform of the best Christian videos from across the web, designed to make them easy to download and use in church. Further details are at gochattervideos.com/

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.