

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we pray for peace in families as they gather to celebrate amidst the noise and light of the week's festivities. May we be thankful for all that we receive, and mindful of the true love that lies behind the giving and receiving of gifts.

We pray for those **wrongly imprisoned** or held captive and for those trying to secure their release, and we ask that the ways of peace and diplomacy may prevail over acts of violence and aggression, that their captors may know a change of heart.

**In our diocese** we pray for all who will come to church at this Christmas season for a "once a year" experience, that they may have a real encounter with God & be moved to reconsider questions of life and faith.

**In our parish** we pray for all who live in Earlsdon Street & Eastleigh Avenue and for the residents and staff of Melbourne House.

**In our CTEC Prayer Cycle** we pray for the members of Earlsdon Methodist Church and their minister, Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams.

**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, Valerie Loft, Mary Owen,  
Peter Shankster and Ben Spriggs.

**We commemorate the departed:**

**In Annual Remembrance:**

Thomas Faulkner, Eleanor Wells, Frank Chambers,  
Geoff Cuttler, Eira Matthews, Reg Watkin, Alfred Hill,  
Alice Rickards, 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](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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019 LAETARE SUNDAY

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

**President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick**

**10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST**

**President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick**

**HYMNS**

31R, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 (BCP p 449), 520G, 131G,  
65G, 9G Red and Green Hymn Books

**SERVICE BOOK**

Seasons – Advent (p 1, pink)

**CHORAL SETTING**

Appleford

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 7:10-16

Kathryn French

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 1:18-25

Preacher

**SERMON**

Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

**INTERCESSIONS**

Alison Manning

**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.

**Watching, waiting, help us to be ready for you Jesus. 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 CAROL SERVICE**

**Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick**

**SERVICE BOOK**

Special Service booklet (with carols)

**Collect for 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December

10.45am House Communion at Melbourne House (Ian Leitch);  
7.30pm Carols at Aylesdene Court;

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

5.30pm Nativity Service;  
11.30pm Midnight Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 Geoff Lea;  
Luke 2:1-20 Preacher  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7 Keith Wright;  
Luke 2:1-20 Preacher  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Intercessions: Ian Leitch;

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Readings: Isaiah 63:7 – 9 Doreen Merlo;  
Matthew 2:13-23 Preacher  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Intercessions: Jessica Moore;

**In 2020 - Read the Bible in a Year?** New decade; New year; New you? How about a goal for a new Spiritual Discipline? A group of us have been on our journey in 2019 of reading the Cover to Cover Complete Bible (Chronological format) In a Year. Have you the desire to read the Bible in A Year / or just read more of it? Would love to have you on board! This year I propose we keep up our habit and read Nicky Gumbel's 'The Bible in One Year: A Commentary' (£17.98 from eden.co.uk). *Bashie Bains*

**Busy Bees @StBs** are taking a break until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

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

## NOTICES

**Christmas Carol Service** this evening (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December) starts at 6.30pm and is always a beautiful service of carols and readings, led by our excellent choir. 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 were able to donate a few mince pies, it would further contribute to this festive occasion.

**Coventry Winter Night Shelter (CWNS):** Last Monday a team from St Barbara's planned and delivered 25 hot two-course meals (including a vegetarian option) to the CWNS at All Souls Church for the guests and volunteers. The meal was very well received, and their culinary skill was appreciated. They plan to prepare food for CWNS on two further evenings in the next fortnight. We are most grateful to each member of the team. **CWNS** looks after up to 20 homeless people each night during the four winter months. Seven church venues each open for one night per week. Guests are provided with the service they need and the dignity they deserve. Rough sleepers are offered support, a hot meal, a safe and warm bed for the night and some breakfast. Homelessness has no nationality, no religion, no colour, no sexuality and does not discriminate on the basis of age. Most of the problem is hidden and the statistics do not reflect where people are struggling to maintain a roof over their heads by perhaps staying with friends, "Sofa-surfing". On average, CWNS assists 60+ guests per year through 380 volunteers who cook for, clothe, support, welcome, befriend and engage in conversation with the guests.

**Carriers of Hope:** Thanks to all who support and donate to Carriers of Hope. The next collection will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Note that all donations should be limited to the listed items only. Please ensure that your donated items are in a good clean hygienic condition and are of useable quality.

**The Diocesan Prayer Diary for January** is in the lobby. Please take a copy this morning for your daily use.

**Information for inclusion** in the WL should be sent in writing to Ian Leitch (email: [ianleitch094@btinternet.com](mailto: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.