

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church in Guyana, and as the country goes to the polls tomorrow, we pray for peace in the country, and that whoever wins the election will govern fairly, with wisdom and justice.

We hold to You the **people of Catalonia** and pray that the conversations taking place between the regional authority and the national government may lead to peaceful resolution of the apparent impasse.

In our diocese on Self-Injury Awareness Day we pray that raising awareness may lead to greater understanding, banishing judgement and fear, and reducing the number of people who suffer in silence.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Rochester Rd & Shaftesbury Ave and for the residents and staff of Beechwood Gardens Care Home.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Earlsdon Methodist Church and their minister, Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams, as they prepare for the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday.

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, Ruby Brown and Stephanie Cotton.

We commemorate the departed:

Peter Shankster, Harry Johnson, Thomas Gurney and Don Evans

In Annual Remembrance:

Allen Matthews, Herbert Welch and Robert Pettifer,

Our self-denial will be meaningless if we don't allow God to touch our hearts during these forty days of preparation.

If you would like someone mentioned in the **Weekly Sick List**, please email Ian Leitch on ianleitch094@gmail.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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020 ST DAVID'S DAY

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

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HYMNS

321G, Ps 32 vv1-9 (BCP p382), 56R, 129R, 76G
469G Green and Red Hymn Books

SERVICE BOOK

Seasons – Lent (p21, purple)

CHORAL SETTING

Appleford

EPISTLE

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Victoria Mason

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1 - 11 Preacher

SERMON

Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

INTERCESSIONS

Simon Harper

A Symbol of the Passion “the cup of suffering” is placed at the cross

As Jesus put the needs of the world before his own, let us seek to lay our selfishness aside for the sake of others. Lord we offer you thanksgiving and praise: **ALL: Saviour, we offer you love and worship.**

The children will withdraw to *Hive*.

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 First Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DIARY

Monday 2nd March

10.45am House Communion at Melbourne House (Ian Leitch);
8.00pm Men's Table Tennis Club (Hall);

Tuesday 3rd March

Noon to 1.30pm Lent Lunch (All Souls' Church);

Wednesday 4th March

9.30am *Prayers & Bears*, WellSpring (doors open 8.30am);
11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
11.30am House Communion at Belvedere Park (Ian Leitch);
2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship; Speaker: Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams on *Journeying with Christ*, Earlsdon Methodist Church.
7.00pm Wednesday Group Social (67 Spencer Avenue);
7.30pm CTEC Lent Course: *Difference – the power of faith in a conflicted world*, Earlsdon Methodist Church;

Thursday 5th March

1.30pm Funeral of Thomas Gurney (Canley Crematorium);
7.15pm Film Night: Disney's *Lion King* (PG);

Friday 6th March

9.30am *Busy Bees @ St Bs* aka Knitting & Creatives (office);
12.45pm Funeral service for Peter Shankster (Church).
7.00pm Choir Practice;

Saturday 7th March

8.00am CTEC Prayer Breakfast (Earlsdon Methodist Church);

Sunday 8th March

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
10.00am Parish Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Genesis 12:1 - 4a Ian Leitch
John 3:1-17 Preacher
Sermon: Sarah Raistrick;
Intercessions: Dan Rathbone;
5.00pm *Buzz@StBs*; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
A short service for young families, with stories, crafts,

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

NOTICES

Lent Lunches start on Tuesday with a lunch at All Souls' Church from 12noon until 1.30pm. Enjoy a simple lunch and friendly chat.

Peter Shankster: The funeral of Peter Shankster will be held in church on Friday 6th March at 12.45pm.

Lent Appeal. Many members of St Barbara's like to regularly put aside some money during Lent to give to God's work around the world. This year, to tie in with the Church of England's Lent focus on the environment, our Lent Appeal is for the work of *A Rocha UK*, a fantastic charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world, and mobilising Christians and churches to care for the environment. More details can be found at www.arocha.org.uk. If you want to give, you can either do so directly, or via two church collections on 19th and 26th April.

Journeying through Lent. This year we are offering two ways to take a daily journey through Lent. Tulo is sending out a daily prayer and reflection email, focusing on encounters Jesus had with people. If you received the daily reflections on the Christmas story during Advent 2019 you will automatically receive these. If you did not, email Tulo on tulo@raistricks.com to subscribe to these emails. Paper copies are available at the back of church. In addition, the Archbishop of Canterbury is promoting a 40-day Lent challenge focusing on "Caring for God's Creation". You can sign up for a daily email that contains prayers, readings and practical environmental action ideas. Go to: www.churchofengland.org/livelen to find out more and sign up.

Coronavirus. The Church of England has provided recommendations to churches concerning the coronavirus. They recommend that if you have a cough or cold, you should refrain from shaking hands at the peace and just receive bread at communion. ("Intinction" - dipping a wafer into the wine - carries the same risk of passing on or receiving germs as drinking from the shared cup). In addition, you are welcome to use the sanitiser gel by the chancel steps as you come up for communion.

Information for inclusion in the WL should be sent in writing to Ian Leitch (email: ianleitch094@gmail.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.