

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we give thanks for the efforts of the Church of South India to end the abuse of girls from all cultures and backgrounds.

**In Burundi** we pray for those seeking the way of violence that they would instead seek reconciliation between all parties.

**In our diocese** as we look towards Christmas throughout this Advent season, we pray for families for whom this is a painful time; for parents who have lost sons or daughters, couples who are no longer together, and those who are alone.

**In our parish** we pray for all who live in Hartington Crescent & Huntingdon Road and for the residents and staff of Aylesdene Court. **We pray for Emily and Oliver** as they prepare for their wedding, and we ask that your Holy Spirit will make them strong in faith and love and guide them in truth and peace throughout their life together.

**In our CTEC Prayer Cycle** we pray for all who will participate in this evening's United Advent Service at All Souls' Church and for Father Michael Brandon, who will lead the service.

**Those in need:**  
In hospital:

We pray for all in our church family who are ill or housebound, recovering from surgery or awaiting results of recent medical tests.

**We commemorate the departed:**

**In Annual Remembrance:**  
George Rathbone.

*Faith without love is cold;  
and hope without love is grim.  
Love is the fire which gives the spark to faith,  
and it is the light which turns hope into certainty.*  
William Barclay

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 ADVENT SUNDAY SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2018

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION** President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

**10.00 AM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

**HYMNS** 31R, 496G, 423G, 64G, Christingle song (sheet)  
Red and Green Hymn Books

<b>SERVICE BOOK</b>	Special Service Booklet	
<b>OLD TESTAMENT</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Alex Pitcher
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 21:25-36	Preacher
<b>SERMON</b>	Rev'd Tulo Raistrick	
<b>INTERCESSIONS</b>	Alison Manning	

**We light the first candle on the Advent ring:**

Lord Jesus, light of the world, Born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
Born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
Be king of our lives today. Amen.

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

We welcome **Emily Thomson** and **Oliver Smith** whose banns are being called this morning.

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.

If you have decided to make our church your spiritual home and would like to introduce yourself to the Vicar, Rev'd Tulo Raistrick, please take a **Yellow Card** from the back of church and hand it to a sidesman or put it in the Vicar's pigeon hole at the back of the church.

**6.30 PM CTEC Advent Service** All Souls' Church

**Collect for Advent Sunday:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## DIARY

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

10.45am House Communion at Melbourne House (Ian Leitch);

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

11.30am House Communion at Belvedere Park (Ian Leitch);

12 noon Wednesday Fellowship (incorporating Friendship Group);  
Christmas Lunch at the Britannia Hotel;

7.30pm CTEC Advent Study Group at Earlsdon Methodist Church;

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

7.15pm Film Night: Christmas with the Coopers (PG);

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Church Knitting Group (office);

7.00pm Choir Practice;

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

9.45am Work Party in the Church and Gardens;

3.00pm Poems and Pies (vicarage) – see note opposite;

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 Peter Raistrick;

Luke 3:1-6 Preacher;

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Intercessions: Mark Owen;

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

**Christmas Hamper:** We will be selling raffle tickets for a hamper to be drawn shortly before Christmas. If you can contribute an item to the hamper, please pass it to Margaret Cuttler or Andrea Driver.

**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

**Sale of Gifts:** Following the 10am service this morning (Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec), there will be stalls in the Hall selling jams, marmalades, cards and knitted & other craft goods made by church members. Buy some useful Christmas presents, while enjoying your after-service refreshments.

**Psalms 23:** The Older Hive reworking of Psalm 23 (presented last Sunday) attracted considerable interest. You can read it in next week's W/L.

**The Church of England Children's Society** is collecting money to support children who need security. If you took a small candle-shaped collection box and dropped in a few coins, please return it to Anna Stevens, our Children's Society co-ordinator.

**Poems and Pies:** Share your favourite poem and enjoy a mince pie & a cup of tea in the vicarage on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Make a donation to receive a ticket from Marjorie Leitch.

**Advent celebration, Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Good Neighbours in Earlsdon and Chapelfields invites you to an Advent celebration. It's a chance to remember the meaning of Christmas and spend time together in friendship. Have a cup of tea and home baked cake, and sing a few carols together, from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. at St Mary Magdalen Church. Please do come along, and mention it to anyone who you think might be interested. If you need help with transport: please contact our new Good Neighbours coordinator, Jackie Kemp at [goodneighboursjackie@hopecoventry.org.uk](mailto:goodneighboursjackie@hopecoventry.org.uk), Tel: 07763 908 460. You will be welcome whether or not you are a regular 'church goer'.

**Daily Reflections in Advent:** During Advent Tulo will be sending out a daily email with a Bible reading and reflection. If you have not received these daily reflections in the past and would like to receive them, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. There are also paper copies at the back of church.

**Safeguarding:** The Church is developing a new Safeguarding Policy to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults. It applies to every member of the church, and the PCC has adopted the first stage of the policy. Please see the poster in the lobby for further details.

**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.