

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh as it seeks to share God's love with those who are vulnerable or marginalised, and we ask you give it wisdom and encouragement.

In Burundi we pray for the surrounding countries that they may remain at peace, act justly and broker a just settlement.

We pray for Members of Parliament that they may be saved from partiality and prejudice. Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.

In our diocese we pray that as familiar carols are sung in parishes across our diocese today the words and meaning of these songs would be embraced afresh by all who sing them.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Innis Road & Lynbrook Road and for the residents and staff of Belvedere House.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Earlsdon Methodist Church and their interim minister, Rev'd Graham Gee.

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:

Mary Maginniss, Diana Thomas and Brenda Hooper.

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

Margaret Drabwell, Patricia Mann, Susan Campbell, Charlotte Hayward, Mildred Bowskill, Pauline Watts, Jennifer Walters, Benjamin Brobbey, Thomas Faulkner and Eleanor Wells.

*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 16TH DECEMBER 2018 GAUDETE SUNDAY

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

HYMNS 27R, Psalm 146 (BCP p533), 1448G, 192G, 817G, 412G
Red and Green Hymn Books

SERVICE BOOK Seasons - Advent (p1, pink)

CHORAL SETTING Appleford

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3:14-20 Gill Nottingham

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18 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.

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

5.00 PM Buzz@StBs Christmas Service
Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick
A short service for young families, followed by tea.

7.00 PM Matrix Bowls Club Carol Service
Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

Collect for the 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

Monday 17th December

10.30am Service at Herald Lodge (John McCutcheon);
7.30pm Carols Singing at Aylesdene Court; All Welcome.

Wednesday 19th December

9.30am *Prayers and Bears* (doors open 8.45) in the WellSpring;
11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
7.30pm Advent Study Group at Earlsdon Methodist Church;

Friday 21st December

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Sunday 23rd December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Micah 5:2-5a Geoff Lea;
Luke 1:39-55 Preacher;
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Rosa Gilham;
6.30pm Christmas Carol Service; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Christmas Carol Service takes place next Sunday (23rd Dec) at 6.30pm. Donations of mince pies will add to the celebration afterwards.

Preaching Better: The diocese is introducing a new course called *Preaching Better*. This will be held over two Saturdays, 9:30-3:00 on 19th January and 16th March in Alcester. If you have ever wanted to preach, but don't know where to start, or have been asked to preach but feel out of your depth, or are currently preaching but feel you need more guidance, or you are an old hand at preaching, but feel you want to refresh your style then this is the module for you! Register at www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister

Carriers of Hope: Thanks for all the donations to CoH from St Barbara's. There will be no collections from St Barbara's until 6 Jan, as C o H will be moving warehouse over the holidays. If you wish to support their Dinner-in-a-Bag or with Christmas presents, please consider sending a £10 supermarket gift card to Sue Sampson, c/o 55 Garth Crescent, CV3 2PP.

Charlecote Quiet Garden Days - 15 and 17 December: The verses of the Advent hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' are the starting point for reflections on the Messiah. Details: charlecotequietgarden.org/programme/.

NOTICES

Christmas Craft Workshops and **Buzz@StBs Christmas Service** this afternoon (Sunday 16th December) will be a fun-filled special time for families. Beginning at 4pm, the Craft Workshops help to tell the Christmas story prior to gathering at 5pm to decorate our Christmas tree and sing carols. 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 (such as mince pies) for tea, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Boxing day: All are welcome to join us for a short walk through Canley Ford, meeting at 2pm Wednesday 26th Dec outside the church and returning to the vicarage for cake, goodies and conversation from 3-4pm. Join for the walk or just for tea. All ages welcome. If you know for sure you are coming, do let Tulo or Sarah know to help with catering numbers, but for the more spontaneous you'd still be welcome to pop in!

New Diocesan Courses for the New Year: There are six courses from the diocese starting soon:

- a. *Jesus and the Gospels* is for all those seeking to get to know Jesus better through the Gospel narratives. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 14th January in St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry.
 - b. *Leading Worship Services* is a brand-new course designed to equip you with confidence and skills for leading services. It runs on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 17th January in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.
 - c. *Loving Difficult People* is a brand-new course to help you, as a Christian, deal with difficult people in your everyday life. It is on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from 8th January at St George's Church, Rugby.
 - d. *Paul's Life, Mission and Letters* is a course to help you dig deeper into Paul's life and thought. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 25th February in St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry.
 - e. *Needs-based Evangelism* a brand-new course designed to equip you with confidence and skills for evangelism. It is on Monday evenings at 7pm from 11th March in St Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton.
 - f. *Prayer* is an interactive course which will help refresh and reinvigorate your prayer life, giving you new ways to pray. It runs on Thursday evenings at 7pm from 7th March at St Andrew's Church, Eastern Green.
- Further details are at www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules

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