

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church of North India's commitment to supporting health care in rural communities.

In Burundi we pray for the Community ICT Training Project set up by young Christian graduates, sharing their expertise with unemployed graduates and providing a productive occupation.

In our diocese we pray for the divided family of Syria as brother fights against brother, and sister rejects sister. We pray for those whose love of neighbour has been destroyed in the bitterness of enmity. May fear be submerged in compassion.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Moor Street & Myrtle Grove and for the residents and staff of Elsie Jones House.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Hearsall Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev'd David Sutcliffe, 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:
Dorothy Hope, Mary Owen and Valerie Loft

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

Harold Alwood, Elizabeth Gregg, Ben Bowskill, Leopoldine Bullens, Robert Griffin, Edgar Howarth, Matthew Jack Metcalf and David Bowskill.

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

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HYMNS

23, 602, 489, 243, 1350, 1574 Green Books

SERVICE BOOK

Christmas season booklet (p1, white)

CHORAL SETTING

Coventry

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

Andrea Driver

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Preacher

SERMON

Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

INTERCESSIONS

Elaine Parnell

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.

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.

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas:

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DIARY

Wednesday 2nd January

No *Prayers and Bears* (during school holidays);

No Midweek Communion service;

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

Thursday 3rd January

7.15pm Film Night – *Peter Rabbit* (U); a controversial film, based on the stories created by Beatrix Potter;

Friday 4th January

No Choir Practice;

9.30am Knitting and Creatives Group (office);

Saturday 5th January

8.00am CTEC Prayer Breakfast (Hearsall Baptist Church);

Sunday 6th January - Epiphany

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

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

Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12 Gill Nottingham;

Matthew 2:1-12 Preacher;

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Intercessions: Ed Manning;

Congratulations to all the participants in and organisers of our Nativity Service on Christmas Eve. Your dramatized re-telling of the Christmas story was most successful and was much appreciated.

New Home Group: A new study group is forming that will meet on some Wednesday evenings. Initially, the group will pilot a six-session discipleship course using a Reconciliation Resource prepared by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Reconciliation Ministry team. The aim is to explore how we can bear the hallmarks of Christ-centred reconciliation and how we can embody them in our daily lives. If you are at all interested in joining the group – either just for this course or for longer – please speak with Ed Manning in whose home the group will meet.

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.

NOTICES

First Place in the Children's section of Christmas Festival at Earlsdon Methodist Church was awarded by public vote to the exhibit from ***Prayers and Bears***. Very many congratulations to those who inspired and implemented their entry.

At this New Year we offer our sincere thanks to all whose hard work throughout the year has enabled our worship to run smoothly: preachers & worship leaders, *Hive* leaders, sides-people & duty wardens, Bible readers & intercessors, choir & instrumentalists, and to all others whose efforts have made a contribution. We thank also those who make refreshments after our service, keep the church and grounds clean and tidy, and undertake all the other unseen jobs that are essential to the functioning of our Church. Your work is greatly valued. Thankyou!

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

Ever wanted to read the whole Bible in a year? A group is forming to do that in 2019. You too could read it in a chronological style *COVER TO COVER COMPLETE* with a daily thought and contemplation. Interested? Have a word with Bashie, or email her at bbashie@gmail.com

Christmas Cards: Please check the pigeon holes under both surname and Christian name for any cards sent to you. Some have been delivered by Christian name, rather than the more usual surname.

CTEC Fellowship Meal will take place at St Mary Magdalen Church on Saturday, 20th January at 6.30pm. Tickets (limited availability) will soon be available from Andrea Driver and Ian Leitch. Make a note in your diary and avoid disappointment.

Flowers in Church: If you would like to make a donation towards the church flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please pass your contribution to Andrea Driver with a note of the date on which you would like it to be used. A calendar of dates is on the board in the lobby.

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.

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