

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church of North India as it works with women and young people to increase their livelihood skills.

We pray for Christians throughout the world, who face **injustice, oppression and even death** because of their faith in you. Grant them strength, courage, and protection from those who seek to harm them; and give them guidance and wisdom when their path seems impossible to tread, and hope for the future.

In our diocese we pray for the work of the Church Urban Fund, as it sets up social enterprises and local projects that will support sustainable community transformation and tackle poverty in Coventry and Warwickshire.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Burnsall Grove & Burnsall Road and for the residents and staff of Beechwood Gardens Care Home.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Hearsall Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev'd David Sutcliffe.

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:

Peter Shankster, Monica Harrison, Mary Owen,
Valerie Loft and Ben Spriggs.

We commemorate the departed:

In Annual Remembrance:

Margaret Norman, Ethel Palmer, Hilda Bashford and Leonard Lythall.

*The heart of obedience is in the will,
the essence of obedience is the surrender of the will to God.*
R.A. Torrey

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
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2019
"STIR UP" SUNDAY**

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

President: Rev'd Carol Newborn

10.00 AM PARISH COMMUNION

President: Rev'd David Mayhew

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| HYMNS | 9, 555, 32, 390, 379, 418 | Green Hymn Books |
| SERVICE BOOK | Ordinary Time – Service D (p 31, dark green) | |
| EPISTLE | Jeremiah 23:1 - 6 | Alex Pitcher |
| GOSPEL | Luke 23:33 - 43 | Preacher |
| SERMON | Rev'd David Mayhew | |
| INTERCESSIONS | Bashie Bains | |

The young people will withdraw to *Hive*.

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

We welcome **Rev'd Carol Newborn** and **Rev'd David Mayhew** who have come to preside and preach at our Eucharists 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.

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.

6.30 PM REFUGE SERVICE

St Mary Magdalen Church

Join Christians from St Barbara's and other churches for a service of contemplative, contemporary worship.

Collect for Sunday next before Advent:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . Amen.

DIARY

Wednesday 27th November

9.30am *Prayers and Bears*, WellSpring (doors open 8.45am);
11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship; with songs from Penny Harper
and Omnium Gatherum; in the WellSpring at Earlsdon
Methodist Church;
7.45pm Wednesday Group – *Justice 3* (94 Earlsdon Ave South);

Friday 29th November

9.30am *Busy Bees @ St B's*; aka the Knitting and Creatives;
7.00pm Choir Practice;

Saturday 30th November

10am – 2pm Christmas Fayre (see note opposite);

Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
10.00am Christingle Service; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-6 and John 1:1-5, 9;
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: T.B.A.;
6.00pm CTEC Advent Service; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
at Earlsdon Park Village;

Daily Reflection Series for Advent. On Monday 2nd December we will be beginning a new daily reflection series, ***Journeying to Bethlehem and Beyond: Reflections on the Christmas Story***. From Monday to Saturday throughout Advent we will be reading short passages from Matthew, Luke and John, exploring the events surrounding the birth of Jesus and his first few months. Each day an email is sent with prayers, a Bible passage and questions for prayer and reflection. If you have not received the previous daily devotion email series (last series was in September - October) and would like to receive them, please sign up on the form at the back of church. For those who prefer, paper versions of the reflections will also be available at the back of church. Do join in with many others as we journey to Bethlehem this Advent.

The Big Quiz Night last Saturday raised over £198 to support Tearfund's work in supporting the poor and needy in over 50 countries. Thank you.

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

St Barbara's Church PCC has the Registered Charity Number: 1185293.

NOTICES

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 30th November, 10am to 2pm: Our Christmas Fayre is NEXT Saturday. Come and join us for a host of festivities. Enjoy some Christmas shopping by browsing our range of stalls, whilst children will have plenty of fun with a variety of Christmas activities. Treat yourself to a mince pie, mulled wine and (maybe) a prize from the tombola too! Invite your friends and family to St Barbara's, for what is sure to be a wonderful event.

We would still very much appreciate donations of cakes, bottles and boxes of chocolate (any size) for our St Barbara's cake stall and bottle & Chocolate Tombola stalls. For cake donations please bring to the church on the morning of the Christmas Fayre. For bottles and chocolate donations, please bring to church to pass onto Kate McGrory.

Our Advent Service next Sunday will be at 6pm and will be shared with the other CTEC churches in Earlsdon Park Village. Don't miss it.

Poems and Pies: Share your favourite poem and enjoy a mince pie & a cup of tea in the vicarage on Sat 7th December from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Make a donation to receive a ticket from Marjorie Leitch.

Safeguarding Review: The Church of England as part of its commitment to being a safe place for all people is conducting a thorough review of all Church of England churches to ensure that current and non-recent cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults have been considered and dealt with appropriately. Further information on this is available on our noticeboard and website, and also Tulo and Alison Manning (Parish Safeguarding Officer) can provide further information.

Christmas Presents for Coventry City Mission will be distributed to families that they support throughout the year. They accept new unwrapped gifts until Monday 2nd December. If you bring your present to church by Sunday 1st December, we will deliver it to CCM. If you would like to help sort the gifts into the appropriate age and sex and take part in wrapping them during the weeks beginning 2nd and 9th December, please email CCM at office@coventrymission.org.uk or phone to 02476 615 931. If you have any other queries, please speak with Keith Wright.

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.