

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for those who have worked and continue to work for the abolition of slavery, and we pray for all who experience enslavement today that they may find liberation.

We pray for all **homeless** people as they, encounter danger and find themselves in situations of risk. We give thanks for the **Coventry Winter Night Shelter** and other agencies, as they offer shelter, food and friendship.

In our diocese we pray for all schools and places of learning, that they may celebrate the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Canley Road, Canley Ford & Watery Lane and for the residents and staff of Belvedere Park Nursing Home.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for CTEC as it works to strengthen bonds between the partner churches and serve the community. We pray for all who will take part in our united Advent service this evening.

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:

Wilma Fletcher and 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. 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 ADVENT SUNDAY SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick
SERVICE BOOK Seasons – 8am - Advent (p 1, pink)

10.00 AM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

HYMNS 419, 1419, 742, 362, sheet Green Hymn Books
SERVICE BOOK Christingle Service Sheet
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2 - 6
GOSPEL John 1:1 - 5, 9
SERMON Rev'd Tulo Raistrick
INTERCESSIONS Anna Stevens

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.

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.

6.00 PM CTEC ADVENT SERVICE Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick
At Earlsdon Park Village

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 2nd December

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

Wednesday 4th December

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

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

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

Thursday 5th December

7.00pm Induction of Fr Paul Burch (All Souls')

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

Friday 6th December

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

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Saturday 7th December

8.00am CTEC Prayer Breakfast (Lady Chapel);

3.00pm Poems and Pies (vicarage);

Sunday 8th December

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

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

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 Wena Hughes.;

Matthew 3:1-12 Preacher

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;

Intercessions: Simon Harper;

6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting;

Christmas Festival at Earlsdon Methodist Church has a heaven theme this year. Come and judge the entries on Thu 5th & Fri 6th (9am-2pm, 3pm – 4pm, 6pm – 8pm), Sat 7th (9am – 12 noon) & Sun 8th (10.30am – 6pm).

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), please sign up on the form at the back of church. Paper versions of the reflections will also be available at the back of church. Do join in as we journey to Bethlehem this Advent.

NOTICES

Our Advent Service this evening (Sunday 1st December) 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 next Saturday (7th December) from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Make a donation to receive a ticket from Marjorie Leitch.

Good Neighbours Advent Tea: Good Neighbours is hosting an Advent tea for cake, chat and carol singing on Monday, 9th December from 1.30 – 3pm at St Mary Magdalen Church. Everyone is invited – especially any lonely or elderly people.

Anne Bissell writes: "After some bumpy rides over the past few months, my proposed house move is actually going to happen! My heart will always remain at St Barbara's and the friendships formed, the more optimistic of my family and friends have always said when the move does happen it will do so quickly and this is proving so! If I am unable to speak to everyone before I go, please forgive me, and I shall hope to visit from time to time. May God Bless Us All."

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 today (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.

The Winter Warmer at the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind is on 7th December from 11am - 3pm, with stalls, lunches and refreshments.

Christmas Fayre at the Gilbert Richards Centre will be on Saturday, 7th December from 11.00 – 2.00pm to raise money for the Centre, with books, woodwork, bric-a-brac, cakes, exhibition and refreshments.

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.

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.