

OUR PRAYERS

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Diocese of Mauritius, and we pray for its new Bishop who will be consecrated today, asking that he be given wisdom and guidance as he starts his new role.

We give thanks for the medical services around the world working to contain and combat the **COVID-19 coronavirus**. Protect them and everyone living in countries where cases have been confirmed.

In our diocese at the start of Fairtrade Fortnight we give thanks for the progress made in ensuring a fairer wage for all. We pray for all who shop where Fairtrade goods are for sale, that God would grant us an understanding of the impact of our choices.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Radcliffe Road & Raven Cragg Road and for the residents and staff of Aylesdene Court.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of All Souls' Church, for their priest, Father Paul Burch, and for their deacon, Paul Rabvukwa.

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:

Hazel Cantes, Stephanie Cotton and Valerie Loft.

We commemorate the departed:

Gay Stopher, Peter Shankster and Harry Johnson

In Annual Remembrance:

Beryl Donnelly, Leslie Gregg, Richard Insley and Roy Davis

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24

If you would like someone mentioned in the **Weekly Sick List**, please email Ian Leitch on ianleitch094@gmail.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 LENT
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020**

8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

10.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

HYMNS	1202, 1200, 14, 164, 302, 525	Green Books
SERVICE BOOK	Ordinary Time – Service C (p22, buff)	
EPISTLE	James 4:11 - 17	Elaine Parnell
GOSPEL	Matthew 7:1 - 12	Preacher
SERMON	Rev'd Tulo Raistrick	
INTERCESSIONS	Gill Nottingham	

The children will withdraw to *Hive*.

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

Healing Prayer Team: Following the 10am service the team will be available in the front area to pray with anyone who would like prayer for healing – either for themselves or for another person.

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 the Sunday next before Lent:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DIARY

Tuesday 25th February – Shrove Tuesday

2.30pm House Communion at Aylesdene Court (Ian Leitch);

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday

No *Prayers & Bears* (Half-term holiday);

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

2.15pm Wednesday Fellowship; Charity Concert with the Gaudemaus Ensemble and Matt Bond (tenor), Earlsdon Methodist Church. All welcome.

7.30pm Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Psalm 51:1-18 Marjorie Leitch
John 8:1 – 11 Preacher

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Ian Leitch;

Friday 28th February

No *Busy Bees* @ *St Bs* (Half-term break);

7.00pm Choir Practice;

Saturday 29th February

10.15am Service of Thanksgiving for Harry Johnson (Church);

Sunday 1st March – St David's Day

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

10.00am Parish Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Victoria Mason
Matthew 4:1 – 11 Preacher

Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;
Intercessions: Simon Harper;

Lent Appeal. Many members of St Barbara's like to regularly put aside some money during Lent to give to God's work around the world. This year, to tie in with the Church of England's Lent focus on the environment, our Lent Appeal is for the work of *A Rocha UK*, a fantastic charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world, and mobilising Christians and churches to care for the environment. More details can be found at www.arocha.org.uk. If you want to give, you can either do so directly, or via two church collections on 19th and 26th April.

Information for inclusion in the WL should be sent in writing to Ian Leitch (email: ianleitch094@gmail.com or 94, Earlsdon Avenue South) before the copy deadline of 6pm on Wednesday.

NOTICES



Shrove Tuesday: Cartoonist Nick Shingler (of the *Coventry Telegraph*) sent us his *Cov Kids* cartoon after we held a pancake race in 2014.

Journeying through Lent. This year we are offering two ways to take a daily journey through Lent. Tulo will be sending out a daily prayer and reflection email, focusing on encounters Jesus had with people. If you received the daily reflections on the Christmas story during Advent 2019 you will automatically receive these. If you did not, email Tulo on tulo@raistricks.com to subscribe to these emails. Paper copies will also be available at the back of church. In addition, the Archbishop of Canterbury is promoting a 40-day Lent challenge focusing on "Caring for God's Creation". You can sign up for a daily email that contains prayers, readings and practical environmental action ideas. Go to: www.churchofengland.org/livelent to find out more and sign up.

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.

Coronavirus. The Church of England has provided recommendations to churches concerning the coronavirus. They recommend that if you have a cough or cold, you should refrain from shaking hands at the peace and just receive bread at communion. ("Intinction" - dipping a wafer into the wine - carries the same risk of passing on or receiving germs as drinking from the shared cup). In addition, you are welcome to use the sanitiser gel by the chancel steps as you come up for communion.

Pam Rhodes Hearts & Hymns radio show on today (Sunday 23rd Feb) at 9.00am (repeated at 6.00pm) on <https://www.premierchristianradio.com> will be presenting Bashie Bains' nostalgic hymns and songs from her school assemblies & Sunday School days. Her salvation story and childhood conversion are indebted to such meaningful words sung over and over again. How many will resonate with you?

Harry Johnson: A memorial service to celebrate the life of Harry Johnson will be held in church on Saturday 29th February at 10.15am.

Change of Date: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday, 26th April, rather than Sunday, 29th March as originally announced.

Christ in the Precinct: Christ in the Precinct is an outdoor witness in Coventry City Centre which has been happening for the last 30 years. They are looking for some high-quality acts (such as: Christian Musicians, Singers, Mime & Drama, Testimonies and Choirs) to take part in this year's event which will appeal to a diverse number of people. They also need people who can help with donations and giving out Easter eggs, prayers, hospitality, setting up and financial help. For more information please contact Bashie Bains on 07772 247 747.

CTEC Lent Course: *Difference – the power of faith in a conflicted world* is a 5-session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. The course will run at Earlsdon Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March and the 1st April. The sessions are: 1) God's Call, 2) Crossing Divides, 3) Disagreeing Well, 4) Practicing Forgiveness, and 5) Courage as Community. *Difference* was born out of Archbishop Justin Welby's vision that the church should be a reconciling presence in the midst of conflict.

#LiveLent 2020 – Care for God's Creation: Thousands of people will take action to help tackle Climate Change as part of the Church of England's first ever official green Lent campaign. For those wishing to go deeper #LiveLent 2020 is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life*, by Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Influencing and Advocacy Director at Tearfund. Instead of giving up chocolate or alcohol for Lent, participants are challenged to follow a set of daily reflections, which correspond to chapters of the full Lent book for those wishing to go deeper. With children's, youth and family resources also available, there is something to help every age group to get involved. "How much water goes into making a pair of Jeans?" "Could you twin your toilet?" "When was the last time you gazed at the night sky?" and "What was the carbon footprint of the meal I just ate?" – these are just some of the questions and topics participants will explore, with a different challenge every day. More details and resources at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

World Day of Prayer 6th March: The World Day of Prayer (previously known as the Women's World Day of Prayer) is held annually on the first Friday of March. It is a day of informed prayer and prayerful action, intended to last all the year round. This year CTEC is not holding a service to mark the Day, as other services are being held nearby: at Warwick Road URC at 11am, Foleshill URC at 2pm, Holyhead Road URC at 7.30pm and Limbrick Wood Baptist Church at 7.30pm. The service was devised in Zimbabwe with the theme *Rise! Take up your mat and walk*. You can be assured of a welcome at any of these services.

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

Diocesan Courses: Four diocesan courses will start shortly:

- a. *Paul's Life, Mission and Letters:* Mondays, 7.00 – 9.30pm, 2nd to 30th March, Old Blue Coat School, 2-10 Trinity Street, Coventry CV1 1FL.
- b. *Creation Care:* Thursdays, 7.00-9.30pm, 5th March to 2nd April, St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Eastern Green, Coventry CV5 7BX
- c. *Needs based Evangelism:* Mondays, 7.00-9.30pm, 9th March to 6th April, St John's Church, Tachbrook St, Leamington Spa, CV31 3BN.
- d. *We believe: An Introduction to the Christian Faith:* Mondays, 7.00 – 9.30pm, 27th April to 1st June, Old Blue Coat School, Coventry.

You can find details of these and other courses run by the diocese are at www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules