

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we pray for support for the church-run health work in Tanzania, where there is often a lack of medicines, medical supplies & equipment and skilled health personnel.

**In Burundi** we pray for peace to come, and for the leaders of the two sides boldly to reach out a hand of friendship to one another.

**In our diocese** we pray for all who will come to church this Advent that they may have a real encounter with God and be moved to reconsider questions of life and faith.

**In our parish** we pray for all who live in Moor Street and Myrtle Grove and for the residents and staff of Herald Lodge.

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

### Those in need:

In hospital: Mason Thompson (Rachel Moorley's grandfather)

**We pray for** all those in our church family who are ill, recovering from surgery, awaiting results of recent medical tests, or who are housebound:

### We commemorate the departed:

#### In Annual Remembrance:

George Rathbone and Edith Viggars.

*In the noise and rush of life, as you have intervals,  
step within yourself and be still.*

*Wait upon God and feel his good presence;  
this will carry you through the day's business*

*William Penn (1644 – 1714)*

If you would like someone mentioned in the **Weekly Sick List**, please ring Ian Leitch (Churchwarden) on 024 7667 7683. 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 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION** President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick  
Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-*end*

**10.00 AM CHRISTINGLE** Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick

<b>HYMNS</b>	410, Sheet, 1419, 519, 1575, sheet	Green Books
<b>SERVICE BOOK</b>	Special Service Sheets	
<b>EPISTLE</b>	Mark 13:34-37	
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Isaiah 64:1-4	
<b>SERMON</b>	Rev'd Tulo Raistrick	

### 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.

Watching, waiting, help us to be ready for you, Jesus. 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.

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.

**6.30 PM CTEC Advent Service** Hearsall Baptist Church

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> December

10.45am House Communion at Melbourne House (Ian Leitch);  
7.00pm Grimmatt & Timms' Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance;

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

2.00pm CTEC Advent Group at 45 Ainsbury Road;

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am *Prayers and Bears* (doors open 8.45) in the WellSpring;  
11.30am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
11.30am House Communion at Belvedere Park (Ian Leitch);  
12.30pm Wednesday Fellowship (incorporating Friendship Group);  
Christmas Lunch, Britannia Hotel;  
7.30pm Home Group (vicarage) – Advent reflections;

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

7.15pm Film Night – *Beauty and the Beast* (PG);

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm Choir Practice;

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Work Party – inside and outside the church;  
3.00pm Poems and Pies (vicarage);

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
10.00am Sung Eucharist; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew Horspool;  
Mark 1:1-8 Preacher;  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Minister: Keith Wright; Intercessions: Mark Owen;  
4.00pm Christmas Craft Workshops (Hall) – leading to  
5.00pm Tree Decorating Service, followed by tea.  
7.00pm St Barbara's Bowls Club Carol Service;  
Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick; Intercessions: Ian Leitch;

**Poems and Pies:** Share your favourite poem and enjoy a mince pie & a cup of tea in the vicarage this Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> December) from 3.00 to 5.00pm. Make a donation to receive a ticket from Marjorie Leitch.

**The Diocesan Prayer Diary for December** is in the lobby. Please take one.

## NOTICES

**Congratulations to** Jessica Mahiques-Pearce (3 on Wednesday).

**The Christmas Bazaar** raised a total of £776. This is an excellent result and reflects the generosity of those who donated items, the effort of those who made items and the assistance of those who volunteered to help.

**Daily Advent Reflections with Isaiah.** Tulo has written a series of daily reflections on Isaiah that can be used throughout Advent. Please pick up a paper copy at the back or if you would like to receive them each day by email, fill in the form at the back.

**Christmas Craft Workshops and Tree Decorating Service** next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> 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 both events.

**CTEC Advent Groups** continue this week. One group will meet on Tuesday afternoon from 2 -3.30pm at 45 Ainsbury Road following the York course for Advent *So what are you waiting for?* Prepared by Rev'd Lucy Winkett. The Wednesday evening group in the WellSpring will not be meeting this week. Also, Tulo is leading a group on Wednesday evening that will reflect on Advent through words, pictures and music. Come and sample either small group. If you want just to listen to the discussion, that's fine! No-one need say anything unless they wish to, and everything shared is in confidence.

**The Service Rotas** for January to Easter are in the pigeonholes at the back of church. Please collect yours today.

**Earlsdon Christmas Greetings Festival (7 – 10 Dec):** Celebrate Christmas through supersized greetings cards at Earlsdon Methodist Church. Cards may be viewed on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec & Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am to 2pm and from 6pm to 8pm, on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am to 1pm and on Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2pm to 4pm. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Come and support the St Barbara's card.

**Palestinian Goods Stall:** After the 10am service today (Sunday) there will be a stall of Palestinian goods in the Hall.

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

**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.