

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we pray that the authorities and all religious and community leaders in Pakistan might seek to uphold and promote women's rights, rather than ignoring them.

**In Burundi** we pray that You will strengthen your church to stand for the ways of justice and righteousness and to reach out in love to the suffering.

**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 Raven Cragg Road & Shaftesbury Road and for the residents and staff of Belvedere House.

**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, as they prepare for the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday.

### Those in need:

In hospital: Ruth Sutcliffe, the wife of Rev'd David Sutcliffe, and Judy King (Peter Shankster's sister)

Those who are ill / recovering from surgery / awaiting results of recent medical tests / the housebound:

Kay Whitney, Brenda Hooper, John Montgomery, Kate Sweet and Mason Thompson (Rachel Moorley's grandfather)

### We commemorate the departed:

#### In Annual Remembrance:

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

*Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.*

*Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.*

*Take time to dream, it is the way to the stars.*

*Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift.*

*Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish.*

*Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.*

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

**President: Rev'd Tim Brooke**

**10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST**

**President: Ven Alan Hawker**

<b>HYMNS</b>	314, 420, 489, 243, 1194, 1574	Green Books
<b>SERVICE BOOK</b>	Eucharistic Prayer "G" (p18 buff)	
<b>CHORAL SETTING</b>	Coventry	
<b>EPISTLE</b>	Galatians 4:4-7	Ed Manning
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 2:15-21	Preacher
<b>SERMON</b>	Ven Alan Hawker	
<b>MINISTER</b>	Dan Rathbone	
<b>INTERCESSIONS</b>	Elaine Parnell	

There will be no *Hive* this morning. The Children's Corner has diversions. After the 10am service you are invited to refreshments in the Hall

This morning we welcome **Rev'd Tim Brooke** and **Ven Alan Hawker** who have offered to preside and preach at our services. We are most grateful to them for coming to us.

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.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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

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

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

7.30pm CTEC Advent Group, WellSpring;

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

7.15pm Film Night: *Passengers* (12);

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

7.00pm Choir Practice;

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am CTEC Prayer Breakfast (All Souls');

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

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

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

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Marjorie Leitch;

Matthew 2:1-12 Preacher;

Sermon: Dan Rathbone;

Minister: Dan Rathbone; Intercessions: Ed Manning;

**Birthday congratulations** to Tony Irish and Andrew Pitcher (both on Saturday).

**Weekly Leaflet:** For many years the Weekly Leaflet has been distributed electronically. Also, it is on our website ([www.stbarbarasearlsdon.org.uk](http://www.stbarbarasearlsdon.org.uk)). Some people feel that they no longer need a paper copy. In future, when you come into church each Sunday, the sidespeople will enquire whether or not you want a paper copy of the Weekly Leaflet. If you would like to have one, please do not let their question discourage you from accepting one. However, if many people really do not want a paper copy, it will enable us to reduce the number that we produce.

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

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

## NOTICES

### THE VICAR AND CHURCHWARDENS WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

**WiFi is here:** We now have a router making WiFi available in the Church and Hall. The service name is "StBarbarasWiFi" with the password "Godislove". We have installed WiFi to enable us to show material from the Internet as part of a service, or during Hive or *Buzz* or the young adults group. You are welcome to use it – but not as a diversion during services or other distraction from our sharing as the family of the Church.

**Bring-and-Share Lunches:** On 28<sup>th</sup> January we shall continue our celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (or Candlemas) with a Bring-and-Share lunch after the 10am service. Other Bring-and-Share lunches are planned to follow our main services on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September (Dedication Sunday, when Bishop John will preach). Please note these dates in your diary. Also, please make a note that we shall be having a Winter Ramble after the All-Age service on 11<sup>th</sup> February and our Sports Day and Barbecue on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Make sure you do not miss these enjoyable social occasions.

**Two Diocesan Courses** are starting in January:

- Mission-Shaped God*: will run from 7.00-9.30pm on Tuesdays from 9th Jan to 6th Feb at St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, CV1 5EX. A 'why-to' rather than 'how-to' course about mission, which uses the Five Marks of Mission to help you to understand what God is doing in the world and how you can join in.
- Mission and New Testament*: will run from 7.00-9.30pm at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Leamington on Wednesdays from 17th Jan to 14th Feb. This course explores the New Testament as 'essentially a missionary document'. We'll look at the story behind the books and the ways in which they reflect different settings for mission in the first century.

For more information link to [www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDM/modules)

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