

## OUR PRAYERS

**In the Anglican Communion** we give thanks for the work of the Diocese of Zululand in reaching out to communities that face poverty and hunger, and we pray for all global initiatives that seek to fulfil the aims of UN Sustainable Development Goal Two, so that all people might know food security.

**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 give thanks for the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre and for the therapeutic services they provide, as they aim to help clients affected by traumatic experiences.

We give thanks for the newly formed diocese of Kapsabet in Western Kenya. We pray for Tulo and the visiting delegation from Coventry as they explore potential future links between the two dioceses.

**In our parish** we pray for all who live in The Riddings and Westleigh Avenue and for the residents and staff of Aylesdene Court.

**In our CTEC Prayer Cycle** we pray for the members of Earlsdon Methodist Church, for their minister, Rev'd Mary Shannahan, as she recovers from ill health, and for Rev'd Graham Gee, their interim minister.

### Those in need:

In hospital:

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

Mabel Cronin, Don Driver, Ann Mahiques,  
Mary Owen, Ray and Gay Stopher

**We commemorate the departed:** Ruth Sutcliffe

### In Annual Remembrance:

Brynley McCutcheon, Raymond Webb, Charles Biggs,  
Charles Raine and Beryl Donnelly.

*Our self-denial will be meaningless if we don't allow God to touch our hearts during these forty days of preparation.*

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 LENT SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

**8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION** President: Rev'd Charles Higgins

**10.00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST** President: Rev'd Norman Stevens

**HYMNS** 56R, Psalm 25:1-9 (BCP p549), 166R, 10G,  
1213G, 135R Red & Green Hymn Books

**SERVICE BOOK** Lent Service Book (p15 purple)

**CHORAL SETTING** Appleford

**EPISTLE** 1 Peter 3:18 - *end* Sofia Bridger

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:9-15 Preacher

**SERMON** Rev'd Norman Stevens

**MINISTER** Dan Rathbone

**INTERCESSIONS** Rosa Gilham

### **A Symbol of the Passion "the cup of suffering" is placed at the cross**

As Jesus put the needs of the world before his own, let us seek to lay our selfishness aside for the sake of others. Lord we offer you thanksgiving and praise: **ALL: Saviour, we offer you love and worship.**

The children will withdraw to *Hive*.

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

We welcome **Rev'd Charles Higgins** and **Rev'd Norman Stevens** who will preside at our Eucharists this morning. We are grateful to them.

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 Lent:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## DIARY

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

12 noon – 1.30pm Lent Lunch (Hall);  
2.00pm Lent Group, *On the Third Day* at 45 Ainsbury Road;  
7.00pm Property Committee (office);

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

No *Prayers and Bears* (school half-term holidays);  
No midweek communion.  
7.30pm Lent Group, *On the Third Day* in WellSpring, EMC.

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

7.00pm Choir Practice;

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Holy Communion; President: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
10.00am Family Communion with Nave Altar;  
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Readings: Romans 12:9-21 Alison Manning;  
Matthew 6:25-34 Preacher;  
Sermon: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
Intercessions: Andrea Driver;  
Followed by the Ministry of Healing Prayer  
5.00pm *Buzz@StBs*; Minister: Rev'd Tulo Raistrick;  
A short service for young families with stories, drama,  
crafts and songs followed by tea.  
6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting; An opportunity to pray together;

**Lent Groups:** Two study groups will meet throughout Lent to follow the York Course "*On the Third Day*" with discussions by Libby Lane (Bishop of Stockport), Tom Wright (former Bishop of Durham), Ruth Gee (former President of the Methodist Conference) and Paul Vallely (R.C. journalist & broadcaster). The groups will meet for five consecutive weeks on Tuesdays at 2pm at 45 Ainsbury Road from 20<sup>th</sup> February and on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Earlsdon Methodist Church from 21<sup>st</sup> February. A Lent group will also meet at the vicarage on Wednesdays at 7.30pm from 28<sup>th</sup> February. Come and sample a 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.

**Lenten Reflections:** Tulo has devised a set of Lenten reflections, and one can be emailed to you each day. Alternatively, paper copies of these reflections are available from the sidesmen's table at the back of church.

## NOTICES

The **Annual Revision of the Parish Electoral Roll** takes place from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March after which date no further additions can be made to the roll until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Being on the electoral roll allows you to vote at the meeting but more importantly it is a statement of your commitment to the St. Barbara's family and of your membership of that family. Please complete an application form if you wish to join the roll. If you are already on the roll you need do nothing at this revision. Thank you. Keith Wright Electoral Roll Officer.

**Please pray for Tulo** who is in western Kenya from 16th-24th February. He is part of a team accompanying Bishop Christopher, meeting with churches and communities from the newly-formed Anglican Diocese of Kapsabet. The aim is to explore potential future links between the two dioceses. He would greatly value your prayers during the visit.

**Lent Lunches** start on Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> Feb) with a lunch HERE from 12noon until 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a simple lunch and friendly chat. If you could help to serve the soup, or to set up beforehand or clear away afterwards, please speak with Marjorie Leitch or Andrea Driver.

**Buzz @ St B's** continues next Sunday afternoon (Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan) at 5pm. Do encourage any young families to come and enjoy the service and take part in the craft, drama or musical activities. If you can contribute an item of food for tea, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. If you can assist in moving chairs in church to the sides after the 10am service, it will be an invaluable help.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** CTEC is marking this Day with a service (this year prepared in Suriname) at 7pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Earlsdon Methodist Church. Women, men and children are all welcome!

**Two new Diocesan Courses** are starting soon in Coventry and Kenilworth.

- Being a Christian in a Digital Age:* Wednesdays 7:00-9:30pm, 21 Feb-21 Mar at St Michael's Church, Coventry CV2 4BG.
- Creation Care:* Thursday 7:00-9:30pm, 1 Mar-5 Apr (exc. Holy Week) St Barnabas Church, Kenilworth CV8 2FY.

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.