

THE COMMONER

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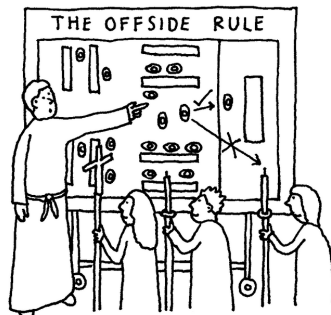
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FOOTBALL

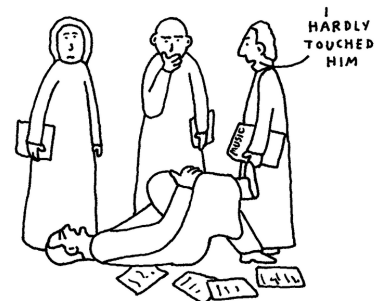
LESSONS THE CHURCH COULD LEARN



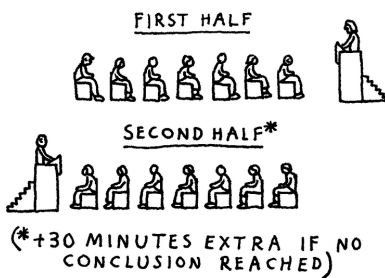
TRY TO AVOID OWN GOALS



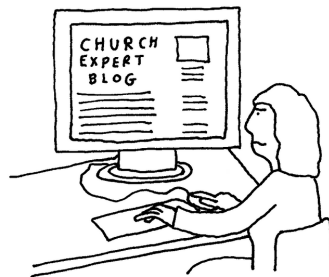
IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXPLAIN THE REGULATIONS



IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO EXAGGERATE INJURIES



CHANGING ENDS AT HALF TIME ADDS VARIETY



PUNDITS DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT



CHANTING



TRAVELLING GREAT DISTANCES



WEARING THE KIT



STICKER ALBUMS

IT IS GOOD TO DEMONSTRATE ENTHUSIASM

CartoonChurch.com

TAKING YOUR CHANCES IN THE CHANCEL

If you have managed to get along to church this month, you'll no doubt have noticed the return of some old things making it feel like a normal Sunday once again: the blue chairs, clipped together and arranged in a gentle curve, the move away from compulsory mask wearing, and the consequent opportunity to sing together properly again.

You might also have noticed that some things remain different because they have proved to be a change for the better, such as enjoying refreshments outside on the steps after the service (at least whilst the weather permits!).

And you might have noted that one or two things haven't returned at all as yet. Maybe the obvious one is the common cup at communion but there is another significant one too: the post-service game of football that happens in the chancel.

Looking at the cartoon above, there will be those of you who will be nothing less than sceptical about the lessons that the church can learn from football (and yeah, you'd probably be right, on the whole). But maybe the post-service tradition of football in the chancel is different.

Think about it: repurposing the function of chancel, this is a highly creative use of the available indoor space being used for an activity that is inclusive of anyone who wants to join in, regardless of age, ability or anything else. I mean, how about that as a sort of metaphor for the life and mission of a church and use of its buildings?

As any football manager will tell you, and as the apostle Paul once did in a letter he wrote to the church, it's all about 'making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5.16) [RT]

WORSHIP & GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Sep 19th 11am Holy Communion
Sep 26th 9.30am BCP Communion
11am Harvest All Age Worship
Oct 3rd 9.30am Family Service
11am Holy Communion
Oct 10th 11am Morning Worship & Baptism
Oct 17th 11am Holy Communion and Confirmation

MID WEEK

Taize Communion Service Weds 13 Oct @8pm
Daily Prayers Monday to Thursdays, 12-1pm

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

In addition to the Harvest All Age Worship on 26 Sep and the Family Service on 03 Oct, the groups will meet as follows:

Film Bible Study (Yrs 12&13): 26 Sep & 10 Oct @ 10am

The Grid (Yrs 7 to 10): Sep 19th @ 11am

Bible Cinema & Craft (Rec to Yr6): 19 Sep & 10 Oct @11am

GROUPS

Barney's Toddler Groups returns on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd, 9.30-11am. Monday's sessions will be run with social distancing measures in place.

Bible Study on Tuesdays 1.45-3.15pm

Thursday Fellowship on Thursdays 2.30-4pm

HARVEST ALL AGE SERVICE

As in previous years, we will be supporting Ace of Clubs for Harvest. The local charity served close to 38,000 meals last year and Harvest is the key event in the calendar to replenish their stocks. To support them, please come with your donations to our All Age service on the 26th, or if you cannot attend on that day, please drop them off at anytime before.

The full list of 'wished for' items can be found on p3 of the Commoner. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES AT ST BARNABAS

Did you know that our beautiful halls are hosts to various groups throughout the week?

The Brightday Company is the newest activity, offering a fun and supportive space for new parents with drama-based exercises, run by Catherine, a drama teacher and a mum.

Ashley Dance Academy offers ballet, jazz and tap classes for children and adults and **Pee Wee** offers Karate lessons.

For activities with your little ones, why not try **Tin Pan Annie** or **Tiny Tunes** for musical sessions, or try the popular **Sing & Sign** sessions, the baby signing class. There are also paediatric first aid classes with **Daisy First Aid** and antenatal classes with **NCT**. For further details, visit our website.

ORDINAND NEWS

We are delighted to welcome a new ordinand into our team: Anna will be training for Ordination at the London's theological college St Mellitus over the next few years and will support Richard, Ian and Ann on Sundays.

Anna and Jim have been worshipping with us since September 2020, so you may already know them, but Anna will be formally introduced to us on Sunday 19th. We hope you will give Anna and Jim a warm welcome.

CONFIRMATION

We are delighted that 5 of our young people, Amelie, Gabby, Sam, Fin and Jeremy have chosen to be confirmed following their preparation with Richard.

They will be confirmed in St Barnabas on Sunday 17th October with Bishop Richard of Kingston in attendance.

We ask for your prayers as they continue their preparation towards their confirmation.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON

On Sunday 19th, Mike Burton will be cycling the 85km from London to Brighton in aid of Glassdoor - the homeless charity that has a long link with St Barnabas.

The demands on the charity are acute with lockdown exacerbating an already difficult problem. Last year they still managed to help 1,600 people with over 400 finding work and a permanent place to live and that number is expected to rise this winter. They have noticed a sizeable rise in the number women on the streets as well as a stream of trafficked refugees being forced to pay back crossing fees so your help is needed more than ever.

So please dig deep. Mike will match all donations so any payments big or small will go a long way. This QR code will bring you to his giving page.



LET US PRAY

At the start of this new academic year and after a year of turmoil and disruption, we thank you for the privilege of education and asks for your blessings upon our children, their teachers and their parents supporting them.

We pray for those who do not have access to the resources needed to learn, and those who do not have access to an education system.

We especially pray for children refugees across the world, those who may not have access to an education system and those who are starting school in a foreign environment. May your holy spirit be with them and help them grow and learn.



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HARVEST WISH LIST 2021

Long grain easy cook rice	Mushy peas	Tinned tuna
Basmati rice	Lasagne sheets	Pasta Sauces
Corned beef	Tinned soup	Pasta
Tinned vegetables	Tinned fruit	Baked beans
Tinned beans/pulses	Olive oil	Biscuits
Tinned chopped tomatoes	Mayonnaise	Custard
Rice pudding	Coconut milk	Long-life milk
Vegetable oil	Salt, herbs, spices	Sugar
Ketchup	Coffee	Tea Bags
Hot Chocolate	Tinned ready meals	
Bottled/Canned Drinks	Takeaway Bag Fillers (long life snack food)	

Vouchers to spend in Sainsbury's to purchase meat and dairy products.
All dry food provisions need to be unopened and they cannot be expired.

NON FOOD ITEMS

Sleeping bags	Belts	Thermals
Boxer shorts	Women's pants	Socks
Long johns	Shoes + trainers	Gloves + Hats
Waterproof clothing	Warm clothing for Men and Women	
Backpacks/Rucksacks		
Deodorants-spray	Shaving foam	Razors
Washing up liquid	J-cloths	Plastic cutlery
Kitchen towel		
Unwanted oyster cards	Unlocked mobile phones	Phone chargers
Sim cards		

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