

THE COMMONER

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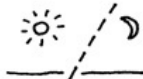
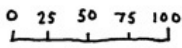
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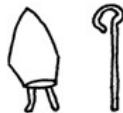
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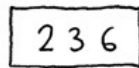
IS/ARE RUNNING / ABSEILING / LIVING IN A TENT / SELLING CAKES / CRAWLING



FOR 100 MILES / 24 HOURS / A MONTH / AS LONG AS IT TAKES / EVER



WHILST WEARING FANCY DRESS / SINGING ALL OF THE HYMNS / TELLING JOKES / JUGGLING / RATTLING A TIN



PLEASE DONATE / SPONSOR / PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET / BUY TEA AND A CAKE / STAY AWAY

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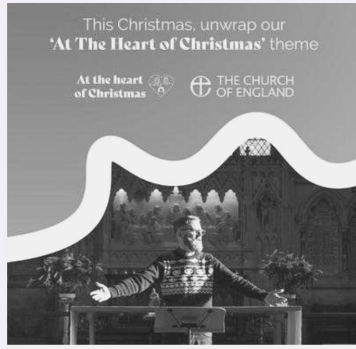
GENEROUS GIVING GIFT-AIDED BY GOD

Go on then, have a go: what is the funniest fundraising idea you can generate from all the options above? And, keeping the money in view, how much do you think it might raise? It's been a while since our last Church Quiz Night (in October 2019) and our last Church Bingo (online during lockdown in June 2020). But more recently, others have stepped up and done their bit: Mike doing the London Brighton bike ride; five others from church doing the Sleepout in the Duke of York Square; and Florence selling homemade biscuits and shells from the seaside at her front gate. Combine these three one-off efforts, and that is well over £6500 raised for Glass Door and their night-shelters this year! Brilliant.

As far as church goes, fundraising is a small part of our overall income which comes, in the main, from letting our halls to other groups and regular giving from St Barnabas members. And on Sunday 21 November, our annual Stewardship Sunday invites us as members to review our giving to church: to think about how, and how much, we will give in 2022 (see page 2 for further information). It's interesting to note that the Bible talks about giving in spiritual terms and, referring to it as a spiritual gift, goes on to encourage generosity (Romans 12.8). This suggests it takes God's help to be a generous giver, a divine form of gift aid if you like. We gift-aid our giving for efficiency; God gift-aids the giver for generosity [RT].

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

At the Heart of Christmas is the CofE's Christmas campaign and St Barnabas (pictured here with Richard) seems to be the face of the Christmas campaign! It's nice to see pictures of St Barnabas representing this time of the year. This year again, you will find many of our well loved services, including Blue Christmas on the 22nd of December.



The Church of England
This Christmas and Advent we have a wide range of offline and online resource...

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Join us at 11am on Sunday 14 November for our Remembrance Sunday service. Primary school aged children will be able to join a Sunday group after the Act of Remembrance. If you are not able to attend in person, the service will be streamed live on our youtube channel.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday, on Sunday 21 November, is when we review our giving to our church and make a pledge for the year ahead. The flyer explain why and how and the pledge form is on the back and online by scanning this QR code. Thank you.



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CHURCH FOR ALL - INCLUDING YOU

CHRISTMAS AT ST BARNABAS

Sun 05 Dec	Christingle Family Service	@ 4.00pm
Sun 19 Dec	Family Carol Service	@ 11.00am
Sun 19 Dec	Carols & Candles	@ 7.00pm
Wed 22 Dec	Blue Christmas	@ 7.00pm
Fri 24 Dec	Christmas Eve Nativity	@ 4.00pm
Sat 25 Dec	Family Communion	@ 10.00am
Sun 26 Dec	BCP Holy Communion	@ 11.00am

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

Our Christmas Eve Nativity is back this Christmas, and judging by the number of people who have already enquired about it, it will be as popular as ever. With this in mind, and given we want to ensure that our services are safe, we have decided to 'ticket' the event. This means that we will be able to know how many of you are planning to come and decide whether we should plan a 2nd service earlier in the afternoon. The tickets are free and the sale is open. Book them in advance at <https://bit.ly/3qfVhhi> or by scanning this code.



LIVING WAGE WEEK

Next week is Living Wage week, when the London Living Wage will be announced, based on the real cost of living. As part of it, Citizens is inviting us to take part in a survey to gather people's views on the Living Wage. Look out for the display in the Claris Hall and add your views to it, it will be a valuable source of information.

LAST YEAR

Stewardship Sunday was amazing:
your pledges helped to reduce our COVID deficit from £30,000 to £10,000

THIS IS HOW*

12 members **increased** their regular giving
05 members set up a **new** monthly standing order
11 members made an **extra** one-off donation

THIS YEAR

Stewardship Sunday is on 21 November.

Having exercised caution throughout 2021, we hope 2022 will see a return to all round growth. Thank you for your giving which enables so much of what we do.

* Alternatively you could

gift aid your giving if you don't already do so
switch from envelopes to a standing order
tithe any bonus you have received in the last year
leave a legacy to support future generations here



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