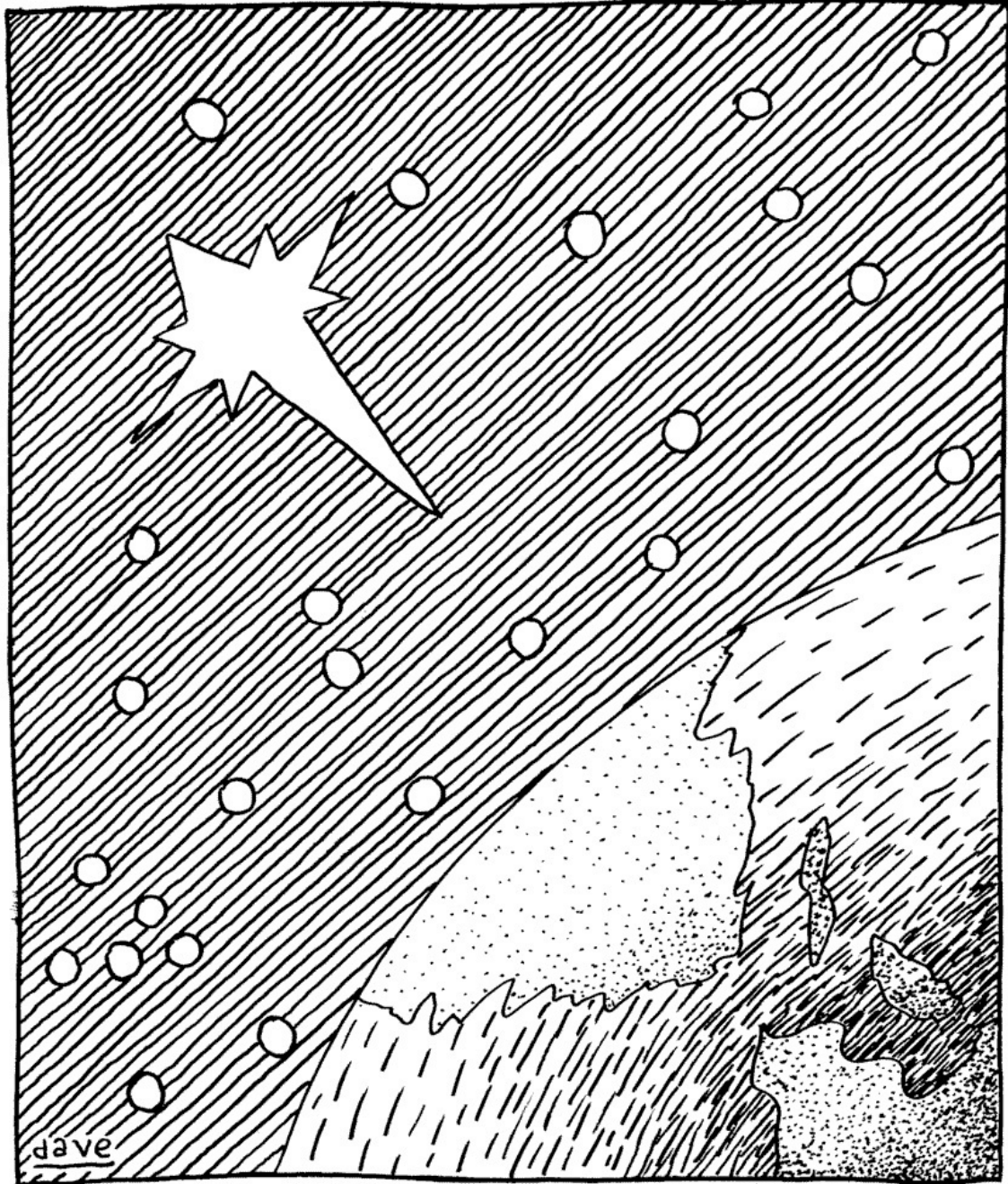


THE COMMONER

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He came down to earth from heaven



Who is God and Lord of all

Love came down at Christmas
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign

Love Came Down by Christina Rossetti

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



It was so nice to be back for Christingle - a full church on a dark December afternoon lit by candle light - just a perfect way to show what happens when we shine our light together! And that was just the start, here is a reminder of our Advent & Christmas services:

- FAMILY CAROLS**, Sunday 19th at 11am
- CAROLS & CANDLES**, Sunday 19th at 7pm
- BLUE CHRISTMAS**, Wednesday 22nd at 7pm
- CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY**, Friday 24th at 4pm
- FAMILY COMMUNION**, Saturday 25th at 10am
- BCP COMMUNION**, Sunday 26th at 11am

We hope you will be able to join us.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

Come dressed up as one of the Nativity's character and take part in the St Barnabas Nativity scene. Our Christmas Eve Nativity is back, on the 24th at 4pm.

The service is ticketed so please reserve a space by booking in advance at <https://bit.ly/3qfVhhi> or by scanning this code.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Last call for your pledge! St Barnabas plays many different roles in people's lives: a place of worship, of friendship, a community, maybe a place of support, a shelter, these different roles form our Mission and without you, without your donations, St Barnabas would not be able to carry it out, especially in these uncertain times, when lower income from lettings might lead to a deficit. Stewardship Sunday invited us to reflect on and review our regular giving.

If you have not yet done it, please fill out your pledge on the back of the flyer and leave it in the collection plate at the end of the service. You can also do it online by scanning this QR code. Thank you.



PARK RUN CAROLING



Let's bring a festive cheer to the local Clapham Common Park Run! Join Richard, Sarah and Aine from 9am on Saturday 18th at the Clapham Common Park Run start/finish point (SW of the Common, towards Bromwood Rd, by the all weather area) to sing out Christmas Carols as the local park runners finish their run. Everyone is welcome, and the bigger the group, the more fun it will be! So wrap up, put your festive hat on and join us, it will be a great way to start the week-end.

COMMUNITY ORGANISING

On the last Saturday of November, Citizens ran a one-day training to explore the concepts of community organising. We asked Nick Wise, who attended, to tell us more about it:

I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Citizens UK training on community organising – and took up the invitation with excitement, although not fully knowing what to expect or how community organising worked.

I turned up on a cold November day and was greeted by Sarah, Paulina and Rory with a warm smile and a hot coffee. The food was kindly sourced by Yvonne for the team, and these concepts of being warm, open and approachable, along with a collaborative mindset were reinforced throughout the day as we touched on the 'power' of self and how 'self-interest' can be used to find common goals.

I learnt new skills and was given the confidence to believe that no matter how big the community focused idea you have, if you use the right techniques and break the idea into smaller tasks, then anything is possible...even legislating a national living wage!"

Nick Wise

JANUARY SERVICES

Please note that our January services will follow a slightly different pattern. The **09.30 Family Service** will be on Sun 9 Jan at 9.30am and there will be an **All Age service** on Sun 30 Jan at 11.00am.

The **Taize Communion** service will be on Weds 12th Jan at 8.00pm and the **BCP Communion** will be at 9.30am on Sun 30th Jan. All details will be on the website.



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