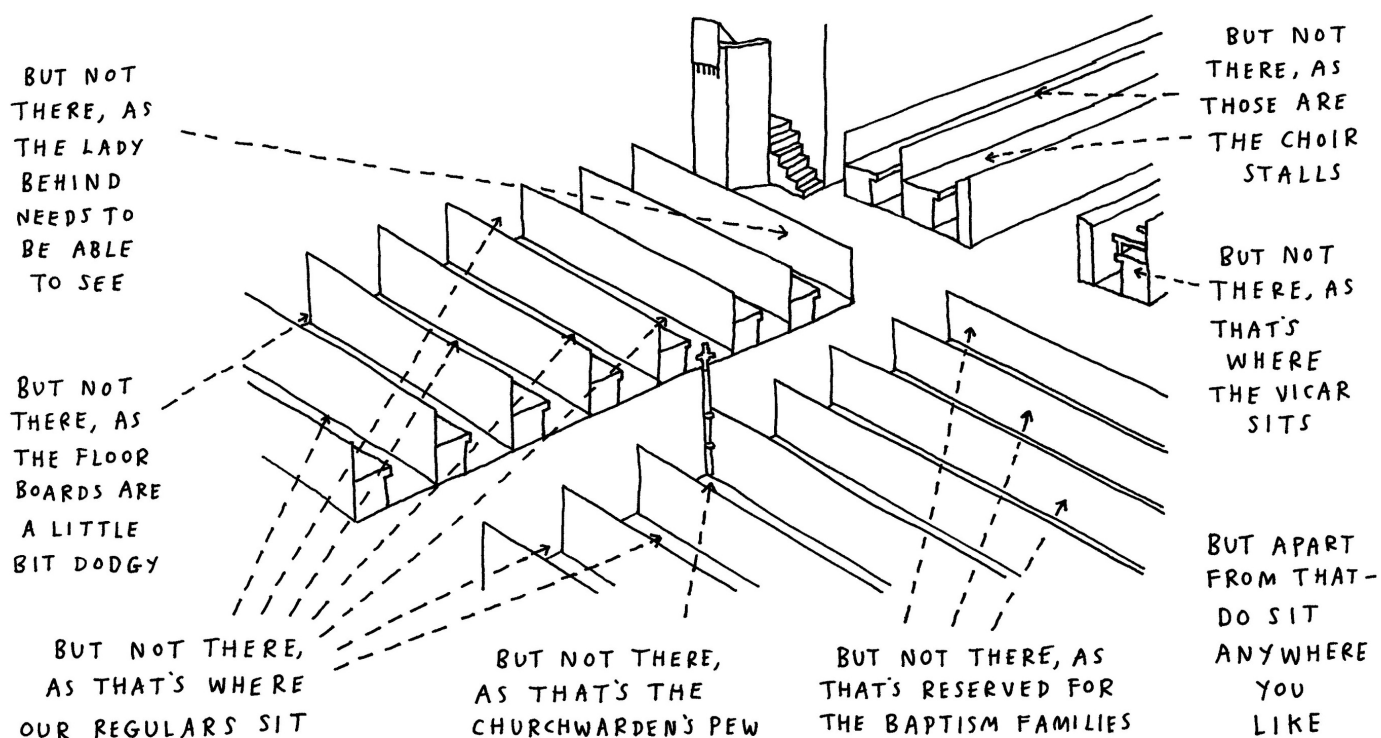


# THE COMMONER

ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

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## WELCOME



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## ALL ARE WELCOME WITHOUT RESERVATION

Ever been to a function where there are so many reserved seats, you wonder whether you are in the right place or whether you received an invitation to the event?

In the cartoon above there are about seven 'reserved' areas!

I don't think the cartoon suggests that we must not have any reserved seats in church because sometimes, needs must but when the reserved seats outnumber the options to sit anywhere, then there is a problem.

This is a year of invitation for us at St Barnabas, (see The Commoner Issue #42). 2022 is a year to welcome everyone and without reservation.

In Galatians 3: 28, Paul reminds us "that there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

I would like to think that this suggests there are no reserved seats or places in Christ, all are welcome. May it be so in our church.

[ILM].

# WORSHIP

## SUNDAYS

Feb 20th	11.00	Holy Communion
Feb 27th	11.00	BCP Communion All Age Worship & Baptism
Mar 6th	09.30	Family Service
	11.00	Holy Communion
Mar 13th	11.00	Morning Worship & Baptism
Mar 20th	11.00	Holy Communion
Mar 27th	09.30	BCP Communion
	11.00	All Age Worship

## MID WEEK

Taize Communion Service Weds 09 Mar @ 8pm  
Daily Prayers Monday to Thursdays, 12-1pm

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Family Service (next on the 6 Mar) and the All-Age Worship Service (on the 27 Feb and 27 March), are specifically pitched to include children and young people.

On other Sundays, we aim to run Sunday Groups:

**Splash**, Reception to Yr 6, on Sun 20 Feb, 13 & 20 March

**The Grid**, Yrs 7 to 11, on Sun 20 Feb, 13 & 20 March

**Film Bible Study** Yrs 12 & 13, on Sun 13 March

We will also attend the St Mark's evening service on Sunday 6th March at 5pm.

# OLD DAMASCUS KITCHEN

Are you having friends over for dinner and would like to surprise them with some deliciously flavoursome cuisine? Or perhaps having a party need catering for a larger event?



We're delighted to let you know that one of the families who Battersea Welcomes Refugees has supported over the last couple of years has now set up their own family-run catering business "Old Damascus Kitchen". They prepare a range of truly delicious Syrian food, including hummus, moutabbal (aubergine dip), mujadarra (lentil and burgul dish), tabbouleh, fattoush salad, kabseh (chicken and rice). Prices start from £15pp, pick up from Clapham Junction.

If you would like to support our Syrian friends, please contact **Bassam on 07399 587077**. You can also follow them on Instagram **@olddamascuskitchen**

# GROWING GOOD



Growing Good is the theme of this year's Lent course. Over 5 weekly meetings of c.1 hour, we will, through scripture, films and discussions, explore themes such as presence, perseverance, hospitality or adaptability. Everyone is invited to join in and reflect creatively on the different ways we can approach the question of what it means to be a growing church.

Starts **Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm** in church. Please speak to Ian if you have any question.

## DEVICE APPEAL

**Do you have a smartphone or a laptop you no longer use and are able to donate?** Such devices provide a vital lifeline to refugees and asylum seekers, helping them to access essential services and support in the community.

If you have devices you can donate, please bring them to church or visit Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees' website at [www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org](http://www.wandsworthwelcomesrefugees.org) which organises the collect. Thank you.

## NEW PLINTHS!



We are delighted to have received two new plinths for flowers that have been made for St Barnabas by William Latta in memory of his mother, Fiona. St Barnabas was a big part of Fiona's life where she had been a long time member and the plinths are a wonderful way to remember her. Thank you William.

## ECO CHURCH



BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD invites you to be an **ECO CHURCH** with Ian Christie, Kingston Area Environmental Adviser

The meeting is for anyone who wants to learn more about eco church, share any progress we have made in our parish and encourage each other to become an eco deanery.

**WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY**  
**7.30PM ST LUKE'S BATTERSEA**



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