

THE COMMONER

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THE FLOWER FESTIVAL

UNDERSTANDING THE ARRANGEMENTS



CROSSING THE
RED SEA



DANIEL IN THE
LION'S DEN



THE DAY OF
PENTECOST



PAUL'S THIRD
MISSIONARY JOURNEY

As if you haven't worked it out already, the obvious joke this week is that each flower display looks very much the same as all the others, whilst none of them appear to have anything to do with the biblical narrative they are said to depict. (Whether or not flower arrangers appreciate this sort of humour, is not for me to speculate on here!).

In this season of Creationtide, when we have decided to talk at length about *Eco Church*, it's possible that some might hear these two words and - much like the obscure correlation between the flower arrangements and the titles they have been given - wonder what does the *Eco* prefix have to do with *Church* bit that follows?

Well, arguably the shortest and the best answer to that is to come along to our services for the next three weeks and listen in for yourself. We've already launched into our topic with members of church sharing how *Eco Church* is starting to take shape in St Barnabas (watch it again here: <https://bit.ly/ecochurch22>). We've got two visiting speakers to come and talk about the Climate and Christianity: Climate Spirituality on 18 Sep and Climate Activism on 2 Oct. And on 25 Sep we are even venturing outside the building and onto the Common, to try and uncover something of the hidden life of trees and think about what a wood and a church have in common. This is both *Eco* and *Church*; I hope these flowerless arrangements will help our understanding of both [RT].

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 6.00-6.30pm
ST BARNABAS CHURCH

SERVICES & GROUPS

When we say welcome we want to make sure that everyone feels welcome in St Barnabas, from the youngest to the oldest, from those who seek more traditional services to those who enjoy different form of worship. With this in mind, these are the services and Sunday groups that you will find at St Barnabas.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- First Sunday: Family Service
Second Sunday: SPLASH for those in Rec - Yr6
GRID for those in Yrs 7-9
FILM BIBLE STUDY Yrs 10-12
Third Sunday: SPLASH for those in Rec - Yr 6
ECO CHURCH for those in Yrs 7-12
Fourth Sunday: All Age Morning Worship
Creche facilities with toys and craft are available at all services.

COMMUNION SERVICES

- First Sunday: Holy Communion
Second Thursday: Taize Prayers & Communion Service
Third Sunday: Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday: BCP Communion Service

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

- Second Sunday: Morning Worship with CYP groups
Fourth Sunday: All Age Morning Worship

CREATION CARE

Last Sunday we mentioned carbon footprint. As you know, nearly everything we do (heating, transportation, food, etc) creates a carbon footprint. St Barnabas recently did a carbon footprint audit and we are now working to reduce our impact through lowered and more efficient energy use. Do you know how much carbon your lifestyle creates?

Go to <https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-calculators/> to take your own audit and see if you can also discover ways to reduce your impact.

Monica McFarland (Eco Church)

GLASSDOOR SLEEPOUT



No one should have to sleep on the streets of London!

At St Barnabas we are delighted that the Night Shelter will return this year to help provide emergency accommodation over the hard winter months.

Glass Door's annual Sleep Out in the Duke of York's Square will be on Friday 7 October. Richard and I have registered and we are looking for additional team members, from the local community and/or church attendees, to give up their beds for the night, in an attempt to try and understand the anxieties and conditions faced by people affected by homelessness each night on our streets and raise funds.

If you you can't be part of the team, please consider supporting the St Barnabas Sleep Out Team to raise money - Any gift you can part with to assist in raising money for the emergency winter accommodation will help to ensure that some people who are affected by homelessness this year will have a three-course meal and the safe comfortable place to stay for the night at local churches, in partnership with Glass Door. Thank you in advance.

Glass Door coordinates the UK's largest network of open-access services for people affected by homelessness and partners with Churches and community centres to give shelter and support to the homeless. Supported by 1425 individuals it has helped move 263 guests off the streets and into housing.....an astonishing achievement! The St Barnabas team are committed to provide any support we can over this coming winter to replicate or surpass this achievement. To donate, please click on the QR code.



Nick Wise

A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH

We thank you for the resources of the world,
and for the many goods available to us.

Grant us wisdom and restraint in our spending
and consumption;

Grant us inspiration in the re-use and recycling
of resources.

Bless those who work in the recycling industry
and those who work in charity shops. Amen.



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