



05 DECEMBER 2021

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11.00am Holy Communion
4.00pm Christingle Family Service

ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

CHURCH FOR ALL - INCLUDING YOU

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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

SUNDAY SERVICES

5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Christingle Family Service
12 th	11.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism
19 th	11.00am	Family Carols
	7.00pm	Carols and Candles
22 nd	7.00pm	Blue Christmas
24 th	4.00pm	Christmas Eve Nativity
25 th	10.00am	Family Communion
26 th	11.00am	BCP Communion

MIDWEEK

Taize Prayer & Communion: Dec 8th, 8pm
Daily Prayer: Monday to Thursday, 12pm-1pm

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Film Bible Study: 12th @10am (Yrs 12&13)
Splash: 12th @11am (Rec to Yr6)
The Grid: 12th @11am (Yrs 7 to 11)

GROUPS

BARNEY'S TODDLER GROUP

Meets twice a week on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30-11.00) for parents, grand-parents and their little ones.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1.45pm-3.15pm

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Meets on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm-4.00pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

Connect people in small groups for support and prayer through the week.

Please speak to any member of staff if you would like more information. Fill in a Welcome Card if you would like to leave your details and one of the clergy will contact you this week.

NOTICES

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Join us from 3.30pm to decorate our tree, enjoy some Christmas craft and of course make and light a Christingle.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

Christmas Eve 4pm! Come dressed as one of the Nativity's characters and take part in the St Barnabas nativity scene.

The event is ticketed to enable us to help with Covid. The tickets are free, click on the QR code to book yours or visit our Advent page. Thank you.



#COATS4CALAIS

Donate a coat to keep a refugee warm this winter. Care4Calais supports refugees on both sides of the channel. This winter they aim to provide each refugee with a warm coat. They particularly need S and M mens coats. Please bring your donation to church and Richard will arrange for their delivery.

ANNA'S PLACEMENT AS ORDINAND

As part of her placement in St Barnabas, Anna will be required to reflect on her experiences of worship, evangelism and preaching as part of her academic work. The work will only be seen by examiners from St Mellitus and comply with GDPR and the Data Protection Act, but please speak to Richard if you wish to discuss further.

CALL FOR ACTION – REAL LIVING WAGE

Premier Inn, one of the largest hotel employers in the UK, has yet to pay a real living wage to its employees. Join Citizens and the Living Wage Foundation as they call for action: Meet on Thurs 16th Dec at 3pm, at the Premier Inn London Waterloo, 85 York Rd, SE1 7NJ.

Safeguarding

A Safe Church, is available for reference at the back of the worship area by the wardens. Sandrine Simmons and Sarita Rampat are our Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Giving to Church

Your donations enable our Mission. On Sundays, there are two collection plates on your way out, one for cash and one for cards.

For cash, please put your donation in a blue envelope to enable us to claim gift aid on it. For regular giving, or to fill in a regular giving gift aid form, please visit our giving page by clicking on the QR code or speak to Sarita or Sandrine.



THE BIBLE READING Malachi 3.1-4 (NRSVA)

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; **3** he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord:

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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. Stewardship Sunday invited us to reflect on and review our regular giving to our church.

In light of a potential £30,000 Covid-deficit in 2020, last year's Stewardship Sunday saw pledges to give regularly increase by £10,000 for 2021. This year we have reduced our expenses by £8,000, but with very little lettings income from Jan-Aug, we are still facing a possible £8,000 deficit. Looking ahead to 2022, we hope income from lettings will continue to recover which is certainly good news. As you review your giving to the church, your generosity will enable us to continue to do all we do and more. The Church of England, encourages everyone to aim to give 5% of their income to their church. To renew your pledge, you can complete the form on the flyer, scan the QR code to enter your pledge online or scroll down our giving page at www.stbcc.co.uk/giving-1. Thanks.



THE GOSPEL Luke 3.1-6 (NRSVA)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

All: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, **4** as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those members of this church who are unwell or no longer able to attend:

Julie Joseph, Alvy & Staff Crawford, Marva Braham,
Mrs Reynolds, Dorcas Mattheson,
Mr and Mrs Simpson, Uncle Richard, Mrs Scarlett,
Pat Roodenberg, Esther Ayigbe, Mae Redway,
Pearl Foster, Jackie Campbell
and Rebecca Lawrence.

We give thanks for Ruth who was given an all clear
and we continue to pray for Lena O'Dwyer,
Vicky Luke-Macauley and Ronnie.

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OPERATIONS

Enabling the church's mission and ministry

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Spiritual growth through active involvement

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Faith in action that makes a difference to others

FINANCE

Investing in God's plan for St Barnabas

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