



# 11 DECEMBER 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 11.00am MORNING WORSHIP

WITH FBS [YRS 10 TO 12] , SPLASH [REC TO YR 6] & GRID [YRS 7 TO 9]

## 6.00pm CAROLS & CANDLES

# ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

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## WORSHIP

### COMING UP

11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Morning Worship 18.00 Carols & Candles
15 <sup>th</sup>	12.15 Taize Prayer & Communion Service
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Family Carols
24 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Christmas Eve Nativity
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Family Communion
01 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 Holy Communion
08 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	<b>Christingle Service</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>Film Bible Study [Yrs 10-12]</b> <b>Splash [Reception to Yr 6]</b> <b>Grid [Yrs 7 to 10]</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	<b>Family Carols</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>Family Communion</b>

## MIDWEEK

**Daily Prayers**, Monday to Thursday, 12- 1.00pm

**Taize Communion** Thursday 15 December *NB change of time*

## GROUPS

### BARNEY'S TODDLER GROUP

Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30-11.00) for mums, dads, grand-parents and their little ones.

### FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

The midweek group has returned with a community lunch & afternoon activities. See Yvonne for details.

### 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

### CAROL SERVICE, 11 December 6.00pm

Join us this evening for what is set to be a very special Carol Service, telling Christmas as a Refugee Story, organised with Battersea Welcome Refugees. With music, candles and stories.

### FAMILY CAROLS, 18 December 11.00am

Don't forget our Family Carols service is next Sunday at 11am – the young people have been meeting for band rehearsal and are very much looking forward to it! With just a week to go before Christmas, it will be the perfect way to get ready for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY, 24 December 4.00pm

The best Christmas eve service for families! Come dressed as your favourite character and take part in the nativity as Richard recounts the Christmas story with some well known songs. Children love it, parents love it and so do the grand parents!

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION, 25 December 10.00am

Take note of the earlier starting time of our Family Communion service, as we gather on Christmas morning and rejoice together at the birth of Jesus!

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have concerns about someone being at risk or causing a risk, please speak in confidence to Sandrine, the Parish Safeguarding Officer. A *Safe Church* which details safeguarding procedures is available for reference at the back of the worship area.

### GIVING TO CHURCH

Your donations enable everything we do. 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 Sosy or Sandrine.



\*\*\* PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSHEET. THANK YOU \*\*\*

# BIBLE READING

## Matthew 11.2-15 (NRSVA)

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Word of the Lord:

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those members of this church who are unable to attend:

Julie Joseph, Alvy and Hawthorne Crawford, Marva Braham, Mrs Reynolds, Dorcas Mattheson, Mrs Simpson, Esther Ayigbe, Pearl Foster, Jackie Campbell, Rebecca Lawrence and Lena O'Dwyer.

We continue to pray for the health and well-being of Myrtle Paynter, Hillary Thompson, Lorna Thomas, Olive Harlequin and Nkem Anigbo.

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## THE COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## ADVENT DAILY PRAYER

Now is the moment to wake from sleep  
**The night is far gone and the day is at hand**

Let us lay aside the works of darkness  
**And put on the armour of light**

*A candle may be lit and some prayers for others may be said ending with:*

Heavenly Father

Awaken us to all the light-filled possibilities of each day.

Come Lord Jesus  
**Shine among us today.**  
Amen.

### 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

## ST BARNABAS' MISSION ACTION PLAN