

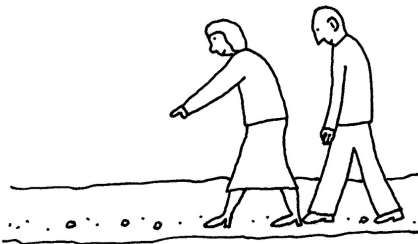
# THE COMMONER

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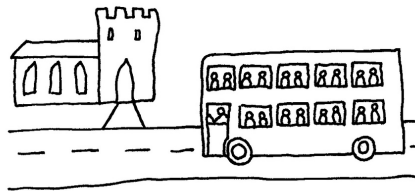
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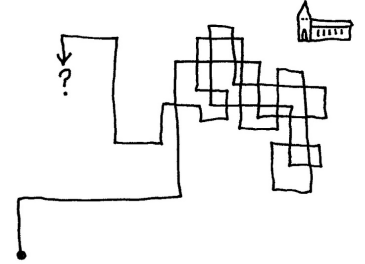
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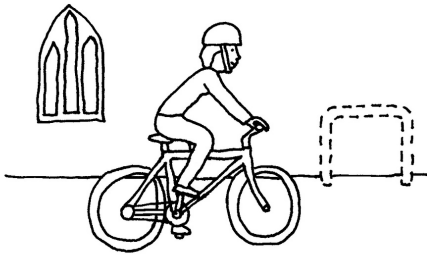
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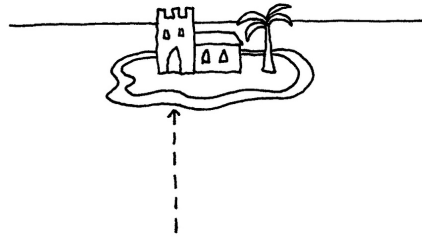
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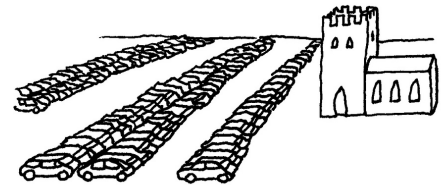
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### BY BOAT



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### PARKING INFORMATION



ARRIVE EARLY TO GET A  
SPACE. SOME OF US HAVE TO  
DRIVE OVER HALF A MILE

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## SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND - HOWEVER YOU GET HERE

It's not hard to find St Barnabas Church is it?

It's a prominent building with a big square tower in a visible location at the north west corner of Clapham Common. And when we reflected on this during the first session of our Lent Course recently, I think we all agreed that it's hard to miss and easy enough to find.

But we also agreed that being a prominent building with an obvious presence - a good thing in and of itself - is pretty insufficient when it comes to telling the story of the church community and making others aware of everything that happens on the inside.

So we've been thinking about how we can make more of what we do, the better to communicate who we are, the easier it to make it to invite others to join us; for example, better use of the railings outside to show what's going on and new signage out the front saying who we are. We are also planning to leaflet every residence in the parish with details of all we are going to do for Easter and extend an invitation saying come and join us. Jesus once said 'Seek and you shall find' (Matt 7.7), and in the hope that others are always looking for a church to join, it's up to us to make ourselves as discoverable as possible [RT].

# EASTER WORSHIP

## PALM SUNDAY

Morning Worship, 11.00am

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

BCP Communion, 2.30pm  
Meal with Communion, 6.30pm  
Vigil, 8.00pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

Walk of Witness, 10.30am  
An Hour at the Cross, 2.00pm

## SATURDAY

Easter Egg Trail, 9.00am-12.00pm

## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service, 5.30am  
followed by breakfast  
Family Communion, 11.00am

**CAN YOU HELP?** We will be distributing Easter flyers throughout our parish the week starting 4th Apr and would really welcome the help of you all to distribute them. If you can help, please email Ian at [curate@stbcc.co.uk](mailto:curate@stbcc.co.uk). And if you would like to know which streets are in our parish, please go to [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

## GROWING GOOD



If you are unsure about what to do in Lent this year, you might want to join our *Growing Good* Wednesday evenings. For the next few weeks we look at the themes of presence,

perseverance, hospitality or adaptability to reflect creatively on how St Barnabas can grow in relation to our community. Join us for one or more sessions, **Wednesday 7.30pm-9pm**, in church until Wednesday 06 April. All welcome.

## LET'S STICK TOGETHER



**THURS 24 MARCH**

8-9pm  
In Church

Designed by Care for the Family, *Let's Stick Together* is a light hearted one-hour session, for parents with young children, to strengthen relationship, at a time when relationships enter a new season. It will be run by Kate and Sandrine, who are trained facilitators. Send an email to [admin@stbcc.co.uk](mailto:admin@stbcc.co.uk) before Sunday 20th if you would like to attend.

# SOSY CHOLAKIAN

Last Sunday we introduced the congregation to Sosy Cholakian who is replacing Sarita Rampat as finance coordinator. For her full interview with Richard, you can watch the service on youtube - here's a shorter one for The Commoner:



### **Can you tell us about your background?**

*I am Armenian but grew up in Syria and came here in 2018 with my 2 daughters, Palig who is 14 and Lianna who is 12*

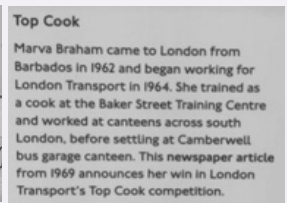
*I have lived in Battersea for the last 4 years and I really love this area which has been a great place to settle in. My daughters go to school in Chelsea and have made plenty of friends there. Last year I did my training to become a book keeper so I am thrilled to be joining the team of St Barnabas and put it all into practise.*

### **How have these first few weeks at St Barnabas been?**

*I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to work here. Sarita has been very helpful in handing over the many things that constitute the job of finance coordinator and I am looking forward to learning more alongside the team. Everyone has been very welcoming and I am very pleased to be here. I was overwhelmed by the kindness of people last Sunday, the flowers and the card, so many of you wanting to meet me and speak to me. It was a lovely introduction and I am looking forward to getting to know you better.*

## LEGACIES - MARVA LONDON TRANSPORT'S CARRIBEAN WORKFORCE

### LEGACIES



We were delighted that a group from St Barnabas attended the private viewing of the new London Transport Museum Exhibition. Called *Legacies*, it is a candid celebration of the those who came from the Caribbean in the 50s and 60s to work for London Transport.

Long time member of St Barnabas, Marva (whom we still pray for every Sunday), features as part of the exhibition which tells a little of her story. Although she was not well enough to attend the viewing, it was great to be able to get along with some of her long standing friends from church and honour her in her absence.



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