

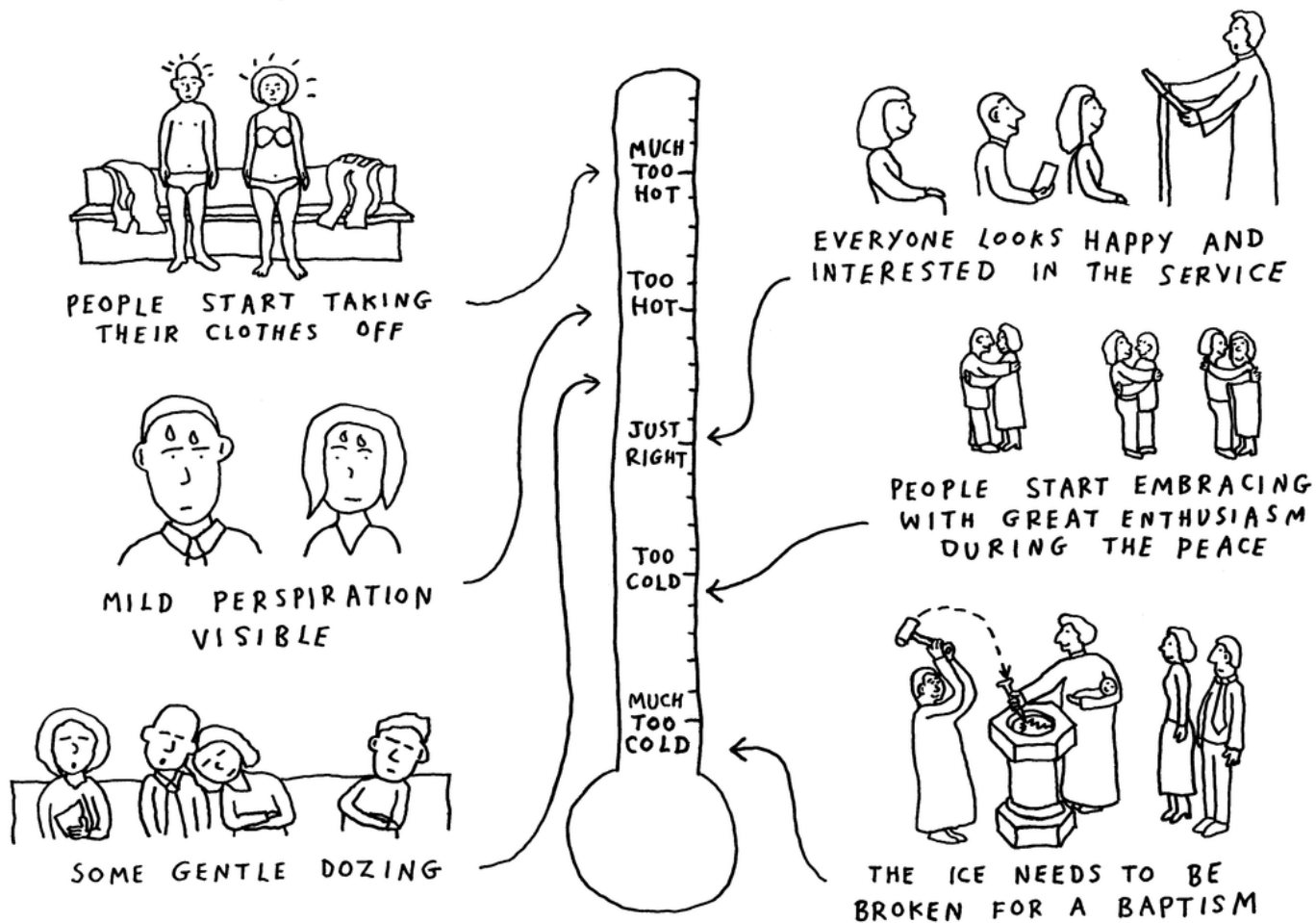
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THE HEATING SYSTEM

HOW TO TELL IF IT IS SET CORRECTLY



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IT'S BEGINNING TO FEEL A LOT LIKE...

...it's time to put the church heating on again. You'll know as well as I as do that hitting the sweet spot and getting it to feel *just right* can be a little on the elusive side; also, that we are far less likely to suffer from *much too hot* than *much too cold* (although I am happy to say that never at any point has it been necessary to break ice on the font ahead of a baptism - and with the font situated within a few yards of a blower, I am reasonably hopeful that it won't ever come that).

Although not liturgically recognised, *time to put the church heating on* might be considered something of a movable feast falling sometime around late autumn. This year, not only does it anticipate the approach of Advent & Christmas (see page 3), it is also a sign that our *125 Days of Celebration* are formally over, too! Well, nearly - page 2 is an update on our two gift days from June and October: tree-planting and the 125 Legacy Fund - all heart warming stuff, with or without the church heating!

ST BARNABAS 125TH ANNIVERSARY (1898-2023)



Read about Root One

SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023
125 GIFT DAY

If £5 is enough to plant one tree, how many trees can you plant with £625?

125 - of course! And we're kicking off our 125 Days of Celebration with an eco church inspired Gift Day to plant some trees in Tanzania.

Everything given on 11 June will go towards funding Root One reach their goal of planting 25,000 trees in the next 12 months.

Imagine - 125 trees (or more!) which we help to plant. What a great way to show our gratitude for St Barnabas - by planting hope for others.

Scan this code to give online Use the reference 125 TREES

HE WHO PLANTS A TREE PLANTS A HOPE
LUCY LARCOM, AMERICAN POET

The 125 celebrations started on St Barnabas Day with an appeal to support GoMAD Tanzania [Go Make a Difference in Tanzania] with their goal of planting 25,000 trees in the Masoma region of Tanzania. Last Sunday we welcomed Graham McClure, who founded GoMAD and Claire Anderson, their in-country manager, based in Tanzania to update us on the project we are supporting.



They also told us more about GoMAD's work from building water tanks, safe fire pits or low cost houses to medical projects including health education and improved access..

<https://www.gomakeadifference.co.uk>

You can catch up with the service via our Youtube channel. Altogether, our donations were enough to buy more than 800 trees which will be planted by the Anglican church in Buhemba. The 'Plant a Tree/ Save a Life' project aims to create a sustainable tree planting and harvesting scheme in a country where trees are often last resort option to source emergency money, which has led to deforestation. The scheme helps farmers grow out of poverty by providing fast growing trees which, after a period of 10 years growth, can be harvested responsibly and provide money for health and education. Farmers are also trained and taught how to prune the trees so that they can grow taller. These pictures show the transformation of Mama Enoch's Grevillea Robusta tree in less than 2 years and we look forward to receiving pictures of the trees that will be planted with St Barnabas' donations.



THE #125 FUND

The 125th celebrations ended on 15th October with Bishop Martin in attendance and a Gift Day for the 125 Fund. The aim of the 125 Fund is to raise £125,000 to fund 3 projects to make St Barnabas' fit for the future. The first project is a lighting project which will involve a rewiring and relighting design. The project will draw on the latest technology to make our church brighter and more welcoming, draw out its beautiful architecture and be energy efficient. The second project is to install solar panels on the roof, which will provide us with a sustainable energy footprint as well as reducing our energy costs. The last and third project will be the refurbishment of our toilets which, given their heavy use and signs of wear, will be very welcomed by many of our regular users.



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125 GIFT DAY
SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

At the start of our 125 Days of Celebration we held a gift day to plant trees in Tanzania. As our celebration comes to an end we are opening the **125 LEGACY FUND** and inviting you to give again to help adapt and improve our church for the future.

Scan here to donate



Celebrate St Barnabas with a donation to the **125 Legacy Fund** this October.

125 LEGACY FUND
A thousand pounds for every year

THREE EXCITING PROJECTS

- SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF
- REWIRING & LED LIGHTING IN CHURCH
- REFURBISHING THE TOILETS

£60K £40K £25K

TO CELEBRATE 125 YEARS
AND EQUIP US FOR THE FUTURE

We set up the 125 fund at the start of the year with legacy monies and one-off gifts from the late Uncle Richards, Myrtle Paynter and Margaret Rose Goodfellow which, together, totalled nearly one thousand pounds. We felt that allocating these monies to the 125 fund would be a lovely way to remember them by.

The aim of the fund is to raise a £125,000 not only from donations and legacies, but also from grants and reserves. We are delighted to share that the donations since then have now raised more than ten thousand pounds, which brings the total raised through donations and legacies to more than £11,500. The fund will remain open until the completion of the three projects so if you want to make a one-off donation at anytime you can go to our website to check how to add to the 125 fund. <https://www.stbcc.co.uk/125-legacy-fund> And if you are interested in finding out more about legacies in general, we have leaflets available which explain the various ways to do it; please speak to Sosy if you would like further information.



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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SUN 03 DEC	CRAFT, COOKIES & CHRISTINGLE	3.00 pm
SUN 10 DEC	ADVENT POETRY & MUSIC	11.00 am
SUN 17 DEC	FAMILY CAROLS	11.00 am
	LESSONS & CAROLS	7.00 pm
SUN 24 DEC	CAROL ROULETTE	11.00 am
	FAMILY NATIVITY	4.00 pm
MON 25 DEC	FAMILY COMMUNION	10.00 am