



# 28 NOVEMBER 2021

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9.30am BCP Communion  
11.00am Morning Worship & Baptism

## ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

CHURCH FOR ALL - INCLUDING YOU

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### WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

#### MIDWEEK

**Taize Prayer & Communion:** Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 8pm  
**Daily Prayer:** Monday to Thursday, 12pm-1pm

#### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**Film Bible Study:** 12<sup>th</sup> @10am (Yrs 12&13)  
**Splash:** 12<sup>th</sup> @11am (Rec to Yr6)  
**The Grid:** 12<sup>th</sup> @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

This year, our Christingle Family service is in the afternoon. Join us for a festive time from 3.30pm to decorate the church, do some Christmas craft and make your Christingle ... all this with some Christmas refreshments on the side! The service will start c. 4.20pm.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

The much loved Christmas Eve nativity is back on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. As always we are inviting you to come dressed as one of the Nativity's characters and take part in the St Barnabas nativity scene. This year we have introduced a ticketing system to enable us to help with Covid. The tickets are free, click on the QR code to book yours. Thank you.



#### #COATS4CALAIS

*Donate a coat to keep a refugee warm this winter.* Care4Calais is supporting refugees on both sides of the channel, those sleeping rough in Northern France and Belgium and those who have just arrived in the UK with nothing more than what they are wearing. The aim is to provide each refugee with a warm winter coat. If you can help, go to [www.care4calais.org/coats4calais](http://www.care4calais.org/coats4calais). Thank you.

#### ANNA'S PLACEMENT AS ORDINAND

As part of her placement in St Barnabas whilst studying at St Mellitus, 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.

#### 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

## John 3.1-17 (NRSVA)

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?' <sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Word of the Lord:

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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# MORNING WORSHIP & BAPTISM

Today we welcome **Eleanor Lloyd George**  
and **Oscar Meekings** for baptism.



May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the way.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

St Barnabas plays many different roles in people's lives: for some it is a place of worship, for others a place 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 (on 21 November) extended the invitation for all of us to reflect on, review, and renew 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 (good work!). This year we have also managed to reduce our expenses by £8,000 as well. But with very little lettings income from Jan-Aug, we are still facing a possible £8,000 deficit. Looking ahead to 2022, we expect lettings to return to pre COVID levels which is certainly good news. And, as you review and renew 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](http://www.stbcc.co.uk/giving-1). Thanks.



### 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