



03 DECEMBER 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00 am Holy Communion

4.00 pm Christingle Service

with an activity table by the lectern

ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

CHURCH FOR ALL - INCLUDING YOU

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WORSHIP

DECEMBER

- 03rd 11.00 Holy Communion
16.00 Christingle Service
- 10th 11.00 Advent Poetry & Music
- 17th 11.00 Family Carols
19.00 Lessons and Carols
- 24th 9.30 BCP Communion
11.00 Carol Roulette
16.00 Nativity
- 25th 10.00 Family Communion
- 31st 11.00 Holy Communion

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Check the new youth programme for Sunday Groups **Splash** [Rec to Yr6] **Youth** [Yrs 7 to 13] for Sunday mornings and Friday nights.

Children and young people are welcome to stay in church during all services. There is an activity table for the younger ones by the lectern.

MIDWEEK

Daily Prayers Monday to Thursday, 12.00- 1.00pm

Taize Communion service: Next service in January

PLACE OF WELCOME

Thursdays 10am-12pm – welcoming people to a place where they can feel safe to connect, belong and contribute.

GROUPS

BARNEY'S TODDLER GROUP

Barney's toddler group runs term time, on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30-11.00) for mums, dads, grandparents and their little ones.

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

Keep On Moving classes: Every Tuesday at 2.15pm

Christmas Lunch Thursday 14 December, 1pm

NOTICES

CRAFT, COOKIES & CHRISTINGLE, Sun 03 Dec, from 3pm

Join us from 3pm this afternoon to decorate our Christmas tree and take part in some craft whilst enjoying some refreshments. We will prepare the Christingle from 3.45pm for the service at 4pm.

SOCKS FOR HMP WANDSWORTH CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We will be collecting socks for HMP Wandsworth Christmas Appeal until the 17th of December. Any types of socks, adult-size (new or unused only). Please check the noticeboard for this appeal. Thank you!!

NIGHTSHELTER BAKING ROTA

The nightshelter has now been running for 3 weeks and already reaching maximum capacity. This week, with the cold weather snap and sub zero nights, we will welcome up to 40 guests. If you would like to help and would like to provide dessert, please add your name to the nightshelter baking rota. Thank you!

HOUSING CONSULTATION, 6 Dec, 4-7pm

Local Councillor & Cabinet Member for Housing Aydin Dikerdem, is inviting members of the community to a drop-in session at the Battersea Art Centre to explain and answer questions about a proposed housing shelter. Please take a copy of the invitation letter on your way out.

Meleta Wallen (*Millie*)

We are sad to share that Millie, passed away after a short illness. Details of her funeral will be shared once confirmed.

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, you will find a collection plate for cash and envelopes as well as a card reader on your way out. We can gift aid the donations in the blue envelope. For regular giving, or to fill in a regular giving gift aid form, please visit our giving page or speak to Sosy or Sandrine.



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

THE BIBLE READING

Isaiah 64.1-9 (NRSVA)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,

so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord:

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13.24-end (NRSVA)

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

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

²⁴ 'But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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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