

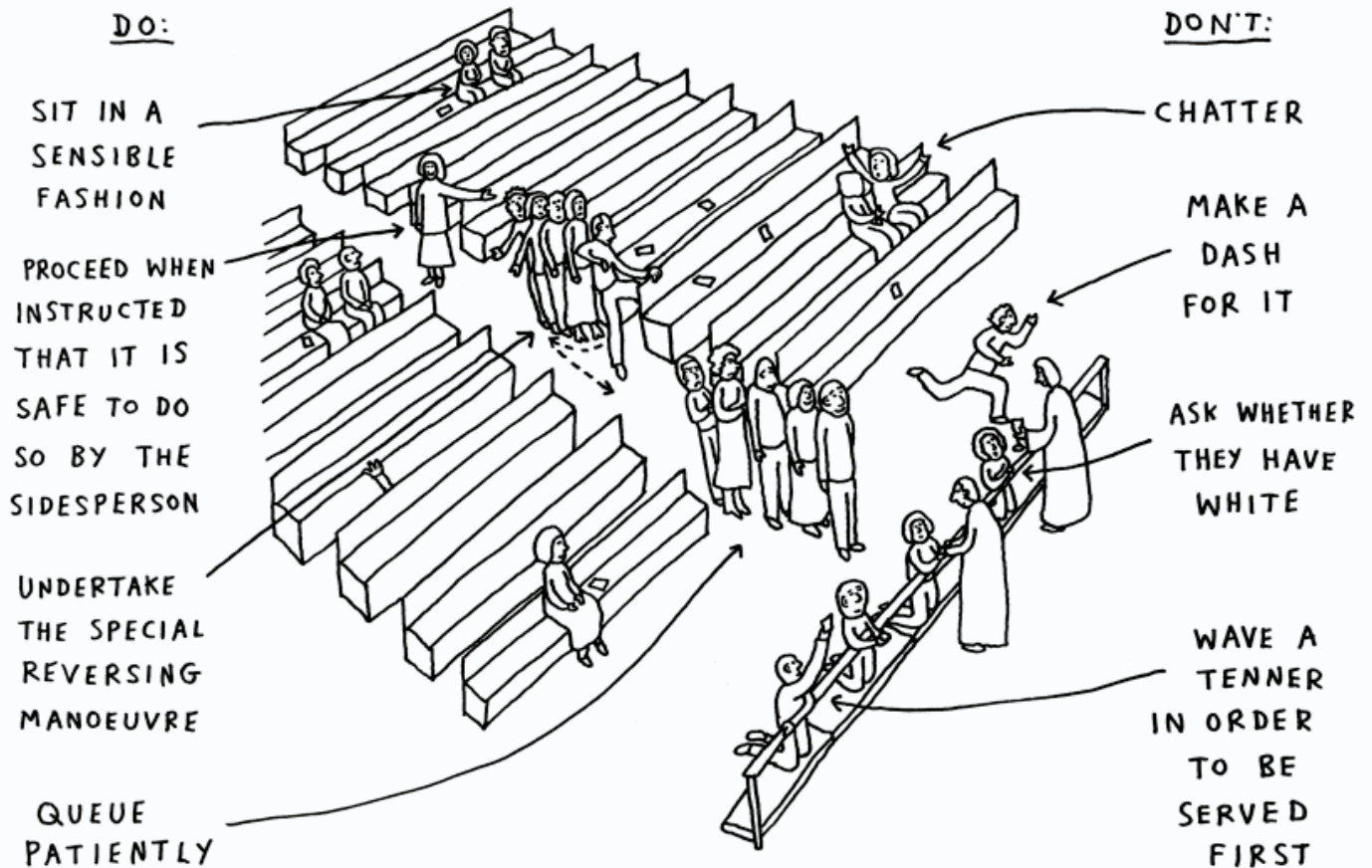
THE COMMONER

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COMMUNION

DOS AND DON'TS



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THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF COMMUNION

Part of the 'new norm' (adjustments that we are all making post-Covid) is the imposition and perhaps gritted-teeth compliance, as we live with rules and queuing up is just one of them. Twice this week though, I have witnessed two queue jumpers who assumed that their needs took priority, totally oblivious of the rules, the views of others, and any possible risks they were exposed to.

I am reminded of a quote, attributable to Darwin "It is not the strongest of the species that survives but the most adaptable."

Returning to worship in Church, has been a most welcome change and such joy in being

able to meet in person safely and so far, I have not observed any queue jumper yet or gritted-teeth compliance.

Maybe that is because there is an even balance between the 'do's and 'don'ts' in St Barnabas just as in the cartoon. But I would like to think that we are fully compliant with Paul's advice concerning good order in worship:

'But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.' (1 Corinthians 14: 40). Such appropriate words, even for our worship today, always remembering the needs of others along with our own. [ILM]

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS

Oct 17th	11am	Holy Communion and Confirmations
Oct 24th	9.30am	BCP Communion
	11am	Morning Worship
Oct 31st	11am	Holy Communion
Nov 7th	9.30am	Family Service
Nov 14th	11am	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 21st	11am	Stewardship Sunday

MID WEEK

Taize Communion Service Weds 10 Nov @ 8pm

Daily Prayers Monday to Thursdays, 12-1pm

CONFIRMATIONS

We are delighted that 5 of our young people, Amelie, Gabby, Sam, Fin and Jeremy have chosen to be confirmed following their preparation with Richard. They will be confirmed in St Barnabas on Sunday 17th October with Bishop Precious Omuku in attendance. Please pray for them using this prayer from the service itself:

***Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours forever
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.***

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY

What is Stewardship Sunday? It is the time of the year when we invite everyone to review their giving to the Church. This year, it falls on Nov 21st, and this year, like last year, its relevance is even more meaningful in the context of the pandemic. At this time last year, St Barnabas was facing a £30k loss due to the loss of income from Sundays' collections and lettings following the 1st lockdown. Thanks to your generous response, the deficit was reduced to £10k, which we are very grateful for. Whilst we were hoping 2021 would mean a return to pre-covid income, the lockdown at the start of the 2021 as well as the continued restrictions have left an impact on the church's income, and costs, especially energy bills are increasing, which means that it will be difficult to balance the budget. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and to invite you to review your giving.

Choosing to give regularly via a Standing Order, increasing your giving or signing up for gift aid if you can, are all ways to help. Scan the QR code or go to www.stbcc.co.uk/giving-1 to access our giving page. Thank you!



GLASSDOOR NIGHTSHELTER

Thank you for your generous donations in aid of Glass Door, both to Mike, who cycled 85km from London to Brighton, and to Ava,



Kelvin, Phoebe, Ken and Richard for the Glass Door sleepout. Together they raised in excess of £6000. Glass Door will be one of the only charities opening shelters this winter, which, in the context of raising homelessness and the closure of the hostels and shelters, will make a great difference. Thank you for fundraising and thank you for giving!

MISSION PARTNERS

Every year, our PCC chooses to support 5 charities, with a local or wider focus, to which they donate the equivalent of 5% of your giving. Last year, £3,300 was shared between Citizens UK, Glasdoor, Battersea Deanery Schools, International Justice Mission and Friends of the Earth. In this issue we look more closely at **Citizens UK**.

If you had a chance to be in church last Sunday, you will have heard Sarah Lyall (from Citizens) beautifully presenting her charity. In essence, their mission is to coordinate and organise communities and leaders to help them come together, develop their voice and make changes locally.

An example of their work includes the recent "South London Listens" campaign where Citizens organised 350 community leaders to listen to what was putting pressure on the mental health of 5,700 people from South London. This has led to NHS Trusts and Council leaders committing to a pledge to implementing specific solutions within a 2 year period, a project in which Yvonne Langley, together with other local leaders is closely involved.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

At St Barnabas, we are proud to have been closely linked to Care for the Family for a number of years and to count Kate Duroux, its London Representative, within our church. But how much do you know about Care for the Family?

Founded in 1988, Care for the Family seeks to strengthen family life and help those who face family difficulties. The main areas of focus are primarily marriage, parenting and bereavement. The support comes in many different ways: large events, online and in person, podcasts, parenting and marriage courses, books, leaflets, befriender supports and much more. Go to www.careforthefamily.org.uk to find more on their latest online events.



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