

THE COMMONER

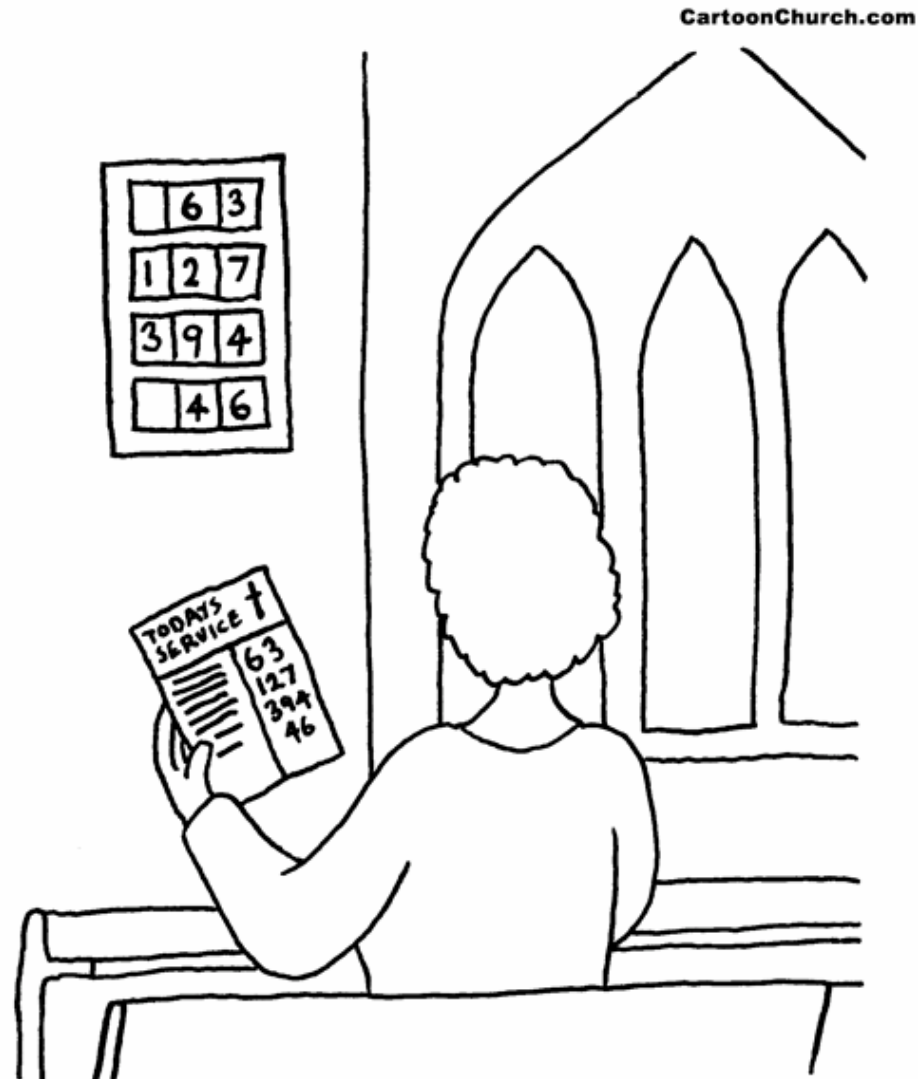
ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

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Introductory note for the benefit of our younger readers: *the numbers displayed on the wall (just to the right of this sentence) are displayed on a hymn board. A hymn board is a signboard in church indicating which hymns are to be sung for that service. And it is usually located in the front of the nave where it is easily visible to the congregation, the nave being the area of church in which the congregation almost invariably sit.*

Sorry for the long explanation but if you didn't know what a hymn board was, you might not get the joke about thinking you had won the lottery when the same hymn numbers are also printed on the news sheet, too.

Now, you might think that 'hardly believing' and being in church are two things that don't readily belong together; most people go to church because they do believe, not because they don't... don't they?



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

But as the Easter story shows, faith is a journey, and 'hardly believing' is the initial Easter experience for those closest to Jesus. When the women first told the disciples about the empty tomb, they all thought it an idle tale and expressly did not believe them (Luke 24.11). It is only as they visit the empty tomb for themselves that they begin to realise something had taken place which they could hardly believe: against all odds, Jesus was risen from the dead. So whatever your lucky numbers are, you can bet that's why we'll be singing *Thine be the glory* on Easter Day - not in the vain hope of winning life's lottery but in the certain hope of Christ's resurrection.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY COMMUNION
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
2.30PM

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
CHURCH OPEN MORNING
9.30am-12.30pm



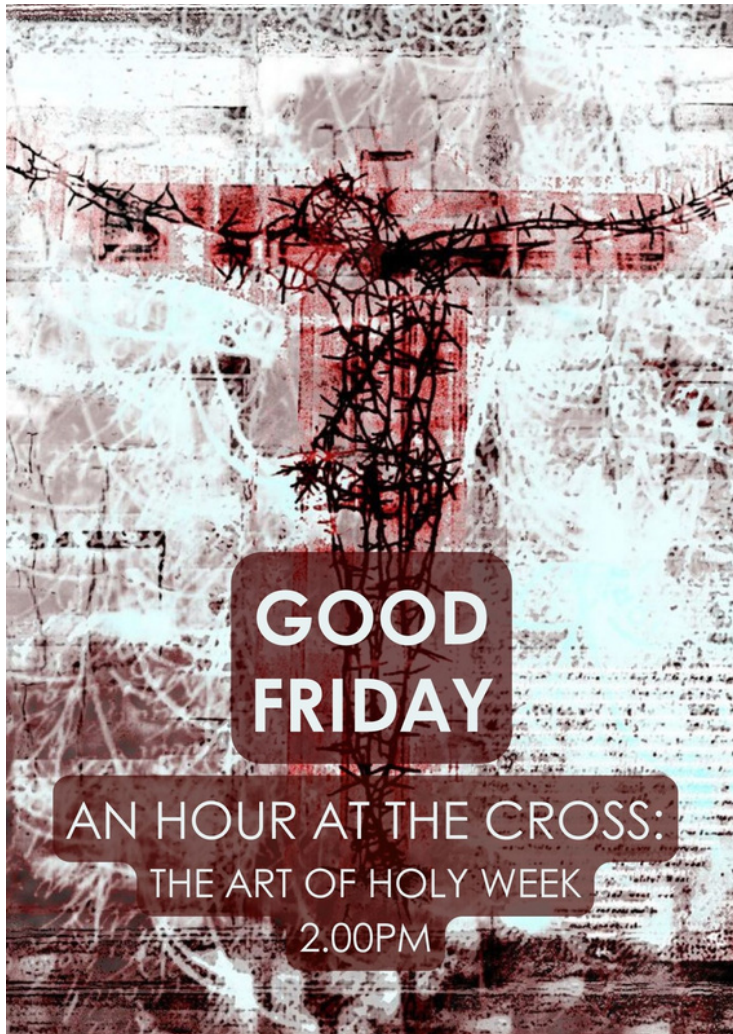
BOOK &
JEWELLERY
SALE

LITTER PICK



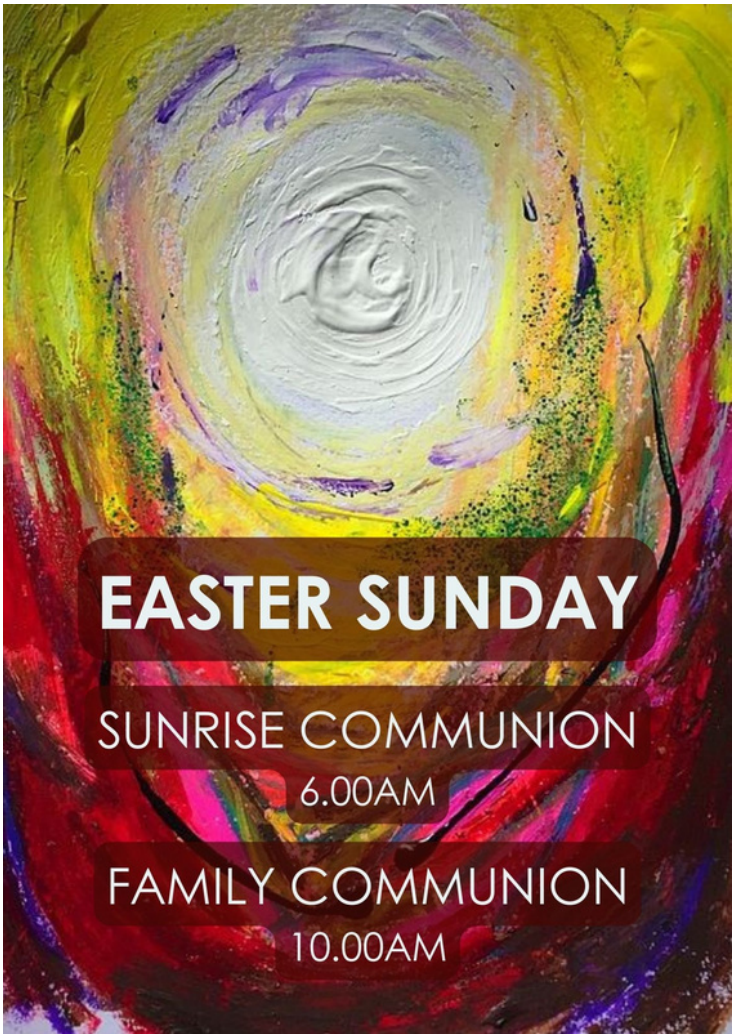
COMMUNITY
GARDENING

No tools nor experience required, join us at anytime.



GOOD FRIDAY

AN HOUR AT THE CROSS:
THE ART OF HOLY WEEK
2.00PM



EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE COMMUNION
6.00AM

FAMILY COMMUNION
10.00AM



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