
GREENBELT COMMUNION

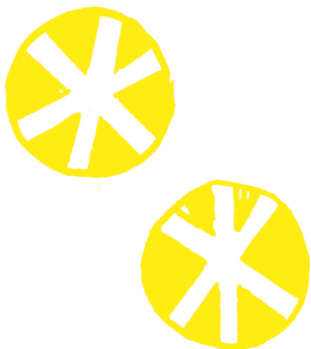
SUNDAY 10.30 AM
GLADE BIG TOP

Gather from 9.30 onward for Christmas party fun and games with Christian Aid and from 10.00 onward for music and warm-ups for a 10.30 service start time. And watch out for the Christmas characters around site.



TRUST GREENBELT

This year we are giving 50% of the money we collect at the communion service away in five different directions. This reflects our four campaigning concerns — climate change, migration, UK poverty and Israel/Palestine — plus the theme of this year's service, Christmas.



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Ah Christmas time, mistletoe and wine... no, we're afraid Sir Cliff isn't joining us this year, but in his absence we're pulling out all our Christmas crackers, and laying on a feast.

The way we read and tell the Christmas story is so often sentimentalised, and sugary. But at heart it's a story of revolution and insurgency. The story of the peasant baby who threatened an empire.

So this year we'll be tugging the tail of our own empire state of mind, and 'remembering' Christmas together.

Our service will incorporate some familiar aspects of the British Christmas, including the Nativity Play, the Queen's Speech, and even a lovely Carol (thanks for coming Carol!).

For our Christmas Dinner, we'll share the very basic elements of bread and wine,

common to cultures around the world. Gluten free and non-alcoholic options will of course be available: **please bring a cup.**

It would be extraordinary if we were to neglect to remember the present day reality of the 'little town' of Jesus' birth, a place where people still know occupation and oppression, so yes, Palestine will also feature in our service.

Our music will be led by DJ and percussionist Sekrit with Mishael Lazarus on vocals. We will be joined by a cast of colourful characters (human and non-human), including John Bell, Liz Adekunle, Sami Awad, Nadia Bolz-Weber. And an angel.

Dress for the season if you wish, but otherwise, just come as you are: and be ready for one or two surprises. ●

ALL ABOUT GIVING

CLIMATE JUSTICE

ClientEarth

clientearth.org

ClientEarth is a charity that uses the power of the law to protect the planet and the people who live on it. They are lawyers and environmental experts who are fighting against climate change and to protect nature and the environment.

REFUGEES / MIGRATION

Refugees at Home

refugeesathome.org

Refugees at Home is a UK based charity aiming to connect those with a spare room in their home with asylum seekers and refugees in need of accommodation.

UK POVERTY & DIVISION

The Equality Trust

equalitytrust.org.uk

UK income inequality is among the highest in the developed world and evidence shows

that this is bad for almost everyone.

The Equality Trust works to improve the quality of life in the UK by reducing economic and social inequality.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Tent of Nations

tentofnations.org

Tent of Nations is Daher's Vineyard, an organic farm located in the hills southwest of Bethlehem, Palestine. The farm is a centre where people come together to learn, share, and build bridges of understanding and hope.

CHRISTMAS

Lemn Sissay Foundation

thechristmasdinner.org.uk

The Christmas Dinner is an annual project founded by the poet Lemn Sissay MBE for communities to provide a Christmas Day for care leavers aged between 18 and 25 — one they'll never forget. ●