



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH BARNEHURST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



Eucharist services each week at 10.30am followed by refreshments
The next non eucharist service will be on 14th June
Click [here](#) for the full list of Family Services in 2026

ST MARTIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our 90th birthday celebration on Saturday 16th May. Whether you were helping or taking part, you all contributed towards making the event a huge success.

What a few hours! there always seemed to be people around, it was bustling everywhere!! Even the rain held off until the event was over.

Dave cooked 90 burgers and 50 sausages and we served over 80 teas and coffees as well as drinks at the bar. The bouncy castles were busy from start to finish and the queue for face painting never ended. In the Creative Zone we had colouring crafts and some brilliant builds out of Hama and Lego. The books and jigsaws were popular too with lots of people leaving with one or the other ready for the next rainy day.

Baby Ballet, Flynn School of Dance, Jo Jingles, Crayford Camera Club, St Martin's Players 2nd Barnehurst Guides and Rangers, plus the Cubs and Scouts. Each of them provided something incredible for the community and it would not have been as busy without them.

Thank you all.



GOSPELS FOR JUNE

7th June 2026 Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26
14th June 2026 Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8
21st June 2026 Matthew 10: 24-39
28th June 2026 Matthew 10:40 - end

COLLECT FOR JUNE

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

In June we ask you to pray for everyone living or working in Hillingdon Road, Holly Gardens, Inglewood Road, Midfield Avenue, Midfield Parade, Oakwood Drive, Stephen Road, and Westfield Road. We also ask you to remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers. Andrew, Angela R, David B, Elizabeth M, John M, Joyce P, Julia J, Keith R, Mary P, Neil R, Rob P, and all who are suffering in body, mind and spirit.

If you have any specific prayer requests or an approaching significant special event, please let us know

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CHRISTIAN AID WALK 9TH MAY 2026

Congratulations to Heather, Karen and David who joined other supporters and volunteers on a 5 mile walk around London visiting churches and raising funds for Christian Aid. They raised £575 in donations and St Martin's Players are also gifting the raffle proceeds from their latest play, Cluedo. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored Heather, Karen and David and also St Martin's Players.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER GARETH

May I send my apologies for the congestion in and around the car park over the last few weeks.

I should have alerted you all previously to let you know that this was coming up but that got overlooked by me for which I hope you will forgive me. The Ambulance Service have finished using the car park now and the Fire Service will finish early this week.

GIFT DAY: SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

Thank you to everyone who made an extra payment to St. Martin's last month for Gift Day. It's still not too late to contribute. Cash, cheque or online donations are all accepted

CAMEO (MU)

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Maxim Room when Andrew Hill will be talking to us about Gypsy Heritage. Cost is £1.

POSTAGE STAMPS

We have received a letter from the Royal National Institute for the Blind, thanking us for our postage stamp donations. These are sold for £20 per kilogram which helps pay for the Talking Books Scheme. Please keep saving them. Collecting boxes are at the back of the church and in the hall kitchen

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW - £1 Per ticket

Email: smartins.monthlydraw@gmail.com

Drawn on Sunday 31st May

1st £25 Richard Storey 2nd £10 Keith Rossiter
3rd £5 Mel Boamah-Larbi 4th £5 Gail Whitehead

COFFEE SHOP – every Tuesday in the Maxim Room from 10am to 12pm. **GARDENING WORKING PARTIES** - If you can help to keep our grounds tidy please contact Phil: Philip.church@virgin.net **UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX MASS** St Martin's welcomes Bexley's Ukrainian residents as they hold mass each Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. The mass is in Ukrainian and is led by an Orthodox Priest or Presbyter

Contact st.martins.mag@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the mailing list or if you have anything that you would like included in the next issue



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You are warmly invited to...

Beths Grammar School's

SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA

for the retired & semi-retired

Please join us for a delightful afternoon filled with music performances by our scholars, games and prizes. Enjoy wonderful company as we host a community afternoon tea.

Wednesday 17th June 2026 - 2:15pm - 4pm

Beths Grammar School, Hartford Road, DA5 1NE

Price: £4 per person.

Please register your interest by emailing Admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk
or call 01322 556538 by Wednesday 10th June 2026.

