



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH BARNEHURST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



Eucharist services each week at 10.30am followed by refreshments

The next non eucharist service will be on 19th July

Click [here](#) for the full list of Family Services in 2026

FATHER GARETH

As you know, Father Gareth has been in hospital following a fall and is currently recovering. We all send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon. We have also been asked not to contact him



GRAHAM BRIDEN

We have installed a small memorial plaque at the back of the church in memory of Graham Briden and his mother Rene, members of St Martin's for many years. Father Gareth will officially dedicate the plaque on his return from sick leave.

GIFT DAY

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported our recent Gift Day appeal. Thanks to your generosity £330 was raised for church funds

GOSPELS FOR JULY

5th July 2026 Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end
12th July 2026 Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23
19th July 2026 Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43
26th July 2026 Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

COLLECT FOR JULY

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
May we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

GOSPELS FOR AUGUST

2nd August 2026 Matthew 14. 13–21
9th August 2026 Matthew 14. 22–33
16th August 2026 Matthew 15. 10–28
23rd August 2026 Matthew 16. 13–20
30th August 2026 Matthew 16. 21–end

COLLECT FOR AUGUST

God of glory, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price. Through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

In July we ask you to pray for everyone living or working in Appleton Close, Barnehurst Road, Brantwood Road, Hornbeam Lane, Lyndhurst Close, Lyndhurst Road, Randolph Close, Risedale Road, Rudland Road, Station Approach, Three Corners and Lingwood.

In August please remember those in Brummel Close, Epsom Close, Mayplace Close, Mayplace Road East, Miller Court, Old Barn Way, and The Vyne

We also ask you to remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers. Father Gareth, 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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CAMEO (MU)

Monday 13th July at the Travellers in Long Lane.
12 – 12.30pm Contact Jackie to book

Sunday 9th August

Mary Sumner Day Pilgrimage. Details to follow

Monday 10th August 2pm

Afternoon tea for Diocesan fund for 150 years of Mothers Union. Cost £5 pp

COFFEE SHOP

Our Tuesday morning coffee shop is taking a break in August and will be returning on 1st September at 10am
Coffee Shop will be open as usual in July

ST MARTIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUN DAY 16TH MAY 2026

[Click here to see some photos of the event](#)



SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL AFTERNOON SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026 2PM TO 4PM IN THE MAXIM ROOM

Come along and listen and sing to your favourite Christmas songs and carols.

Led by Arthur
Full details to follow

POSTAGE STAMPS AND PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES -
Please keep saving these. Collecting boxes are in the church and hall

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

The newsletter will be taking a break in August and will be back on 1st September.
Have a lovely summer everyone



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

Email: stmartins.monthlydraw@gmail.com

Drawn on Sunday 28th June

1st £25 Heather Suggitt (no 181)

2nd £10 Jean Baldwin (no 7)

3rd £5 Dave Barnett (no 193)

4th £5 Jean Baldwin (no 6)

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