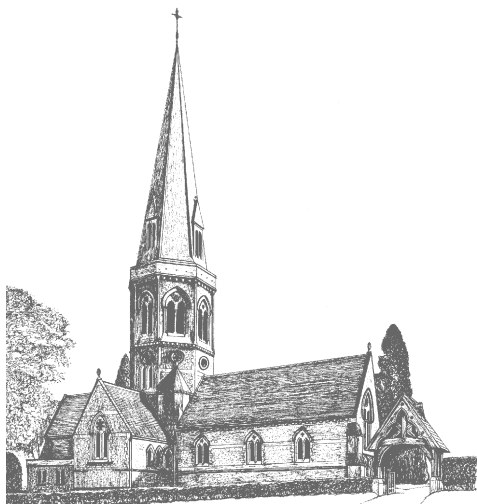


ST BARNABAS

RAMMORES
The Cathedral in the Woods
RH5 6SP



SERVICES

Saturday 13th September

*2.00 pm–5.00 pm Church open for
Heritage Open Days. (Teas available)*

Sunday 14th September at 11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 14th September 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Church open for Heritage Open Days

Sunday 14th September at 4.00 p.m.

Choral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 21st September at 11.00 a.m.

Said Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 28th September at 11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist for Harvest

Sunday 5th October at 11.00 a.m.

Matins(BCP)

monthly newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

WELCOME

WELCOME to our Matins service which will be led by Lay Minister Chris Watts. We trust you will stay for a glass of wine or soft drink and, of course, the winning 100 Club number will be drawn.

On Saturday the 13th the church will be open in the afternoon from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. to visitors on the Heritage Open Days and on Sunday the 14th the Rev'd Dr Anthony Rustell will preside at a Sung Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. and the church will be open again from 2.00 p.m. Then at 4.00 p.m. Rev'd Anthony will lead a service of Choral Evensong on the feast of the Holy Cross with the Whyte Effect Choir who will be celebrating the music of Orlando Gibbons, one of England's finest composers.

Choral Evensong at St Barnabas is now rare experience not to be missed, not least for the congregation to be able to say the Third Collect.

"Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

RIDE & STRIDE....The weekend coincides with the Diocese Ride and Stride event when we are encouraged

to walk or ride to as many churches in the Diocese as possible.

Our Priest-in-Charge is dusting off his trusty bicycle for this event and plans to have St Barnabas as his first visit. We are encouraged to sponsor him for the number of churches he visits, the money raised goes to the church and nominated charities.

TIME FOR TEA

No doubt visitors will be pleased to find tea and cakes available on the two Heritage days and this will be the end of the Sunday Teas season when we can thank the many volunteers who have made this a success.

On the 21st the Rev'd Caroline Lazenby will preside at a Said Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. and on the 28th Rev'd Caroline will preside at a Said Eucharist celebrating Harvest Festival and people are invited to come with a *Bring-and-Share* lunch and on the 5th October Lay Minister Chris Watts will lead a Matins service.

SPIRITUALITY MATTERS

FINDING God in the ordinary and getting to grips with the great unfixables of modern life is a challenge that can seem overwhelming, but if we can let the Holy Spirit into our lives we will be challenged but also surprised and reassured by the ways our

lives will be changed. If we can explore our faith and actively live our faith, we won't end up having merely visited this world as the poet Pádraig Ó Tuama talks about.

SWALLOWS

In early summer still they come
And bless us with their song,
Circling and wheeling like our
thoughts,
Their flight tugs at our restless hearts
That we might leave all harms and hurts
To be where we belong.

And come September they will fly
And skim the autumn air
Whilst we in "swallow-flights of song"
Give wing to prayers through which we
long
To be where saints like swallows throng
Round heaven's haven there.

Sure as "the swallow finds her nest
Where she may lay her young"
Our songs and sighs like swallows fare
Dipping and skimming through the air,
And every sigh becomes a prayer
And every prayer a song.

*Malcolm Guite
English priest & poet, b. 1957
poem contributed by Sally Lowe*



I have been doing more study these last 18 months and was delighted at the end of the Spiritual Direction course at Sarum College in Salisbury a couple of months ago, to be awarded my certificate and myself become a Spiritual Director.

Over the coming months I will write more about Spirituality matters (and matters it does, very much), offer Quiet Mornings, speak during Rev'd Anthony's St Martin's Theological Institute Sunday evening talks, and bring others with particular skills of art, music, poetry, to visit us and share their own take on spirituality. Retreat days will be on offer too.

For a time we can step out of church 'stuff', much as we love our liturgies, and start together to explore more of prayer, contemplative listening, imagination, metaphor and mystery in the presence of attentiveness to find the wholeness of God in our lives. Sometimes experiences just can't be put into words but there are ways around that to liberate us and not restrict in any way.

Spiritual Direction – not directive but direction – in a sign-posting way, is not just for individuals but the flourishing of the church as a whole. It is an often unacknowledged ministry in the church and so I am making a start on changing that.

I would welcome you joining in on that with me.

Rev'd Caroline Lazenby

CONGRATULATIONS

IT gave the parish enormous pleasure in hosting the wedding at our church of Joanne Mackie-Gandy to Sam Robinson on the 14th August.

The bride was driven to the church – not too late – by her father David in his immaculate Morgan+4. The joyous service was conducted by the Rev'd Caroline Lazenby. The St Barnabas tower team rang before and after the wedding and David Moore was the organist. All in all, a delightful occasion although the churchwardens had to cope with the organ needing urgent repair, the organist having no music for one of the hymns and the photographer's camera dying!

Thank You All

TO all the stall-holders, helpers and, of course, to the many people who came to our Cherry Fair.

We were most grateful to David Gandy for leading the organising team and to Lynda for all her support.

Very many thanks should also be extended to all our many friends from Ranmore Common and our young families all of whom contributed so much towards the jollity of the day.

The Treasurer tells us that the details were as follows: Tombola £161; Raffle £592; Books & CDs £136; Cakes and Produce £262; Refreshments £289.60; Bric-a-brac £338; Plants £403.95; Concessions stalls, Toys, Cherry sales & donations £308.50, which added up to a grand total of £2494.

A great result and a brilliant team effort all round and one can't help recalling the words of 'Young Mr Grace' "You've all done very well!"

ANOTHER THANK YOU

THE Open Gardens afternoon in some of the gardens near the church in June was a great success in almost perfect weather and we would like to thank the residents who donated the tickets and teas takings amounting to £2290 to St Barnabas funds. £200 from plant sales was donated to the Princess Alice Hospice.

And ANOTHER THANK YOU

PHILIP and Helena Hay wish to thank the congregation of St Barnabas Church for the kind gift of the Melody Edition of The New English Hymnal, a marvellous gift to commemorate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Thank you all very much.

Who's Who at St. Barnabas

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BROCKHAM CHORAL...

...welcome new singers in all voice parts, no audition required. They meet for two hours every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. at St John's CofE Primary School, Dorking, RH4 2LR.

Their first Rehearsal is on the 9th September, where they warmly welcome their new conductor Dan Miller who will prepare them for a Christmas concert on December 6th.

This will include not only 'Christus Natus Est' by Cecilia McDowall but also other pieces for Choir, organ and audience. The Martineau Brass Quintet will also be contributing to the concert as well as carols from the Children of St John's School. Our outstanding accompanist Marion Lea will be there to help us with the notes.

More details at:

www.brockhamchoral.org



There is another page of this newsletter on the email version and this newsletter and other information is available on our website...

www.achurchnearyou.com/ranmore-st-barnabas

Contact the Editor dick.gover@gmail.com to receive the newsletter in your email inbox.

You can also follow St Barnabas on Facebook.

There is more information on the website www.StBarnabasRanmore.com

You can find much about the history of Ranmore, the Denbies Estate and St Barnabas Church on the website created by the late Margaret Maynard.

www.ranmorewarmemorial.info



Dorking Choral Society

invites you to

Come and Sing

Vivaldi Gloria

led by

conductor Daniel Mahoney

Saturday 27th September 2025

10am-4.30pm

Crossways Community Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3

Tickets £18

Music hire and refreshments included
Please provide your own lunch

For further information and to book tickets, visit
www.dorkingchoralsociety.org.uk



Joanna and Sam's Wedding

Sunday Teas

THE Sunday teas we provide continue to be popular and form a useful income stream for the church. Only home made cakes are sold and of course the stock has to be maintained week on week. The Heritage Weekend next week will be the end of the season but the teas team will welcome any offers of help, the time required being 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and of course home made cakes are always welcome. Some delightful surprises take place; on Sunday the 17th August as soon as serving began a party of eleven arrived. They proved to be a family celebrating a thirty-first wedding anniversary, having married at St Barnabas Church. Robin Luff



CHORAL EVENSONG

on the feast of the Holy Cross

St Barnabas, Ranmore

Sunday 14 September 2025, 4pm



O sing unto the Lord a new song

Celebrating the music of Orlando Gibbons,
one of England's finest composers,
and the end of Heritage Weekend.

Music by Orlando Gibbons

Sung by The Whyte Effect

...and don't forget Orlando Gibbons!