

ST BARNABAS

RANMORE
The Cathedral in the Woods
RH5 6SP

monthly newsletter

OCTOBER 2025

WELCOME

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

The music at this service will open with "Locus Iste" by Bruckner. This is a well-known choral favourite and has been chosen as it fits with the theme of dedication (i.e. celebrating the church itself):

"Locus iste a Deo factus est inestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est."

This place was made by God an inestimable mystery; it is irreproachable.

The anthem is also one of the best-loved English anthems of the twentieth century, "Like as the hart" by Herbert Howells:

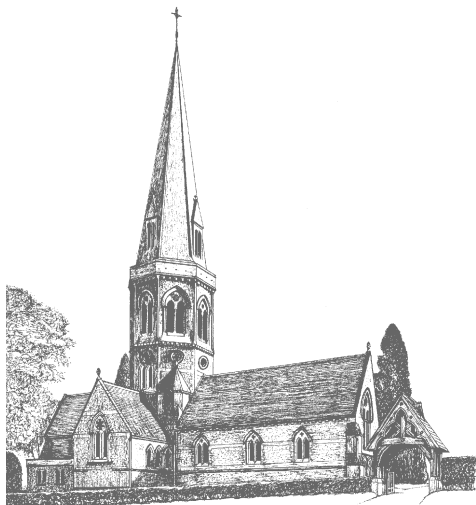
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, where is now thy God?

We will also be singing a very short piece written by one of The Whyte Effect's basses, Robin Moore: "There is none other than the house of God."

On the 12th the Rev'd Dr Anthony Rustell will preside at a Sung Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. and on the 19th Chris Watts will lead a Matins service and there will be a Sung Eucharist on the 26th.

Our "All Saints" Matins service of Remembering and Thanksgiving will be led by the Rev'd Anthony at 11 a.m. on



SERVICES

*Sunday 12th
October at 11.00 a.m.*

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

*Sunday 19th October
at 11.00 a.m. Matins*

*Sunday 26th October
at 11.00 a.m.*

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

*Sunday 2nd November
at 11.00 a.m.*

All Saints Matins (BCP)

*Sunday 9th November
at 10.30 a.m.*

*Requiem Mass with
Act of Remembrance*

November 2nd. At this service we will read out the names of those loved ones whom we wish to remember and a family member or friend comes up to the Chancel Steps to light a candle in memory of the loved one.

You are invited to list the names of loved ones who have passed away on the clipboard on the table by the door or you can let Carolyn Bourton have the name of anyone you would like to be remembered. Please contact her by phone before October 29th on 01306 881364.

Rev'd Caroline Lazenby will preside at a Requiem Mass – music by Fauré – with the Act of Remembrance on November 9th and please do remember that this service will start at 10.30 a.m. to reach the Silence at 11.00 a.m.

HERITAGE WEEKEND

ON Saturday 13th September, St Barnabas church opened earlier than usual from 9 a.m., ready for the sponsored Ride and Stride cyclists riding in aid of the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

Throughout the day, we received over 80 visitors and offered refreshments including our famous home made cakes. Groups and individuals came from Surrey, Sussex and London and enjoyed visiting the church which remained open until 6 p.m. Our visitors book pays testament to the notable tranquility, beauty, heritage and warm welcome our church provides.

Several posters also showed visitors more of the history of the church, the

A poem for 'The Cathedral in the woods'

Peace Trees

To be in the presence of trees
Is to know peace.
The silent rhythm of their life,
Bringing maturity in due time,
Without anxiety or haste,
Calms our impatience;
Their solid strength, derived from
Hidden roots spreading much further
Than we ever know, gives us security;
Grace, beauty, shapeliness and form,
Delight our senses, soothe our
Fragile nerves, and bring refreshment.

Let us in turn be trees,
Growing in God's time to maturity,
Spreading our roots deep into springs
of life,
Opening branches wide to all who come
Offering strength and healing through
our Peace.

Ann Lewin

poem contributed by Sally Lowe

school, and the impact of the First World War on the Denbies Estate community.

Our sole Ride and Stride visiting cyclist was Anthony Rustell who valiantly kept going through sun, wind and rain, clocking up 52.5 miles and logging 33 churches on his route around the Mole Valley and North Downs. He arrived at 17.55 at Ranmore, coming up from Effingham through a flood, just before the official cut-off hour and very relieved to have completed his intended task to be greeted by both churchwardens, who were equally relieved. That left him with only the downhill run to the vicarage left to

do, which was then happily accomplished safely, at some speed!

Our ready supplies of bananas were left quite untouched. But he has raised a remarkable £585, which will return in part to St Barnabas and qualifies us in turn to apply for a bigger grant from the Trust.

On Sunday 14th, we were again open for Heritage weekend, this time from 10 a.m., with the church offering both the 11 o'clock Eucharist and 4 o'clock Evensong services.

Anthony, still standing and seemingly undamaged, presided at both. The weather was blustery and our last Teas of

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

the season were taken mostly indoors with entertainment by a flute and piano duo.

At 4 p.m. The Whyte Effect Choir, with organist Martin Hall delivered a beautiful Choral Evensong with

settings by Orlando Gibbons to celebrate both 400 years since his death, and the Feast of The Holy Cross. Our congregation that afternoon numbered 65 and the numbers for the full weekend totalled 180 visitors.

Our heartfelt thanks goes as ever to the Church Teas team who have generously baked multiple superb cakes, set up tables and chairs, poured hundreds of cups of

tea, washed up and cleared away throughout the summer. We await our Treasurer's final Grand Total for donations and takings banked, and celebrate having seen so many friends of St Barnabas, both old and new, visiting this Summer.

Steph Kingham, Churchwarden


Christmas FAYRE
and coffee morning

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15th
10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Cakes & Produce RAFFLE
Crafts & Jewellery Tombola
BOOKS

at St. Barnabas' Church

Ranmore Common – RH5 6SP

 **CANCER RESEARCH UK**

Together we are beating cancer

Join us

Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 19 November 2025

10am–12.30pm


Wotton House Country Estate Hotel

Guildford Road, Dorking, RH5 6HS

Tickets £12: includes coffee, tea and pastries
Stalls and raffle on the day

For tickets, call 07733 960273 / 01306 881364 or email dfcancerresearchuk@btinternet.com

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HARVEST

OUR Harvest Festival service and lunch was enjoyable as ever and we hear that the Denbies grape harvest has been the Best Year Ever!

The warm and mostly dry spring and summer have produced excellent grapes across all 16 of the varieties.

Harvest started very early and will probably be complete in early October. This year it is hoped to have the late harvest noble rot (botrytis) on Ortega grapes – used to make delicious dessert wine. Hand pickers are still used for wholebunch picking but this year there is a new grape picking machine

Sandra Skelt

See with the Eye of your Heart

12th October at 6.00 p.m. in the
Lady Chapel at St Martin's Church

*'The challenge is to find enough time to
become quiet enough and still enough'*
– Rowan Williams

AND so for an hour come into the
quiet and stillness to hear more of
the ways you can start to see with the
eye of your heart to open up your own
spirituality and to find meaning and
direction in the discovery of yourself
and of God. Rev'd Caroline Lazenby

Many hands make light work

BEFORE winter sets in, I wonder if
you have an hour or so to spare to
help clear the paths at St Barnabas of
weeds and encroaching grass. A
working party of keen people could
make a start – please contact:

helenahay@aol.com

Please bring your own tools but
Coffee and cake will be provided.

Who's Who at St. Barnabas

Priest-in-Charge:

Rev'd Dr Anthony Rustell 07919 154641

St Barnabas is part of a United Benefice
with St Martin's Church Dorking. Please
contact the Church Office with enquiries
about baptisms and marriages at email:
stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

or phone 01306 884229

Churchwarden:

Dr Robin Luff 01306 884093

Mrs Stephanie Kingham 01306 888368

Lectio Divina Quiet Morning

Tuesday, 4th November at
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the
Lady Chapel at St Martin's Church

JOIN us to experience an imaginative
and contemplative way of participating
with the Scriptures, bringing the Bible to
life, connecting us in individual ways to
Bible stories and giving new understand-
ing and relationship to the Word of God.

A time for you to be quiet and peaceful
in beautiful surroundings.

Rev'd Caroline Lazenby,
revstbrc24@gmail.com

Dorking Choral Society

Present the

Haydn Nelson Mass

Conductor : Daniel Mahoney
with The Bridge Symphonia

Sunday 16th November 2025, 7 p.m.

St Martin's Church, Dorking RH4 1UT

Tickets £18 Interval refreshments available

www.dorkingchoralsociety.org

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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