

ST BARNABAS STRANMORES

The Cathedral in the Woods
RH5 6SP

monthly newsletter

MAY 2026

WELCOME

WELCOME to our service of Matins this morning 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.

Then we will hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which the church officers will be elected for next year and other matters will be discussed. Rev'd Anthony Rustell will chair the meeting.

Thursday 14th is Ascension Day and the congregation are invited to meet at the viewpoint in Steer's Field (NT Car Park) where Father Gerrard Mee will lead a short service before processing back to the church for a Said Eucharist. The church will be open for those who do not wish to walk.

On the 17th Rev'd Anthony Rustell will preside at a Sung Eucharist for Ascension and the White Effect Choir will be with us.

On the 24th Lay Minister Chris Watts will lead a Matins service and on the 31st Rev'd Anthony will preside at a Sung Eucharist. There will be a Matins service on June 7th.

RESTING PLACES

CHAPTER 14 of St John's Gospel is where Jesus comforts His disciples, assuring them of His ongoing presence



SERVICES

Sunday 10th May at 11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

Thursday 14th April - Ascension Day

meet in Steer's Field at 9.30 a.m.

then process to church for

Sung Eucharist at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 17th May at 11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist for Ascension (BCP)

Sunday 24th May at 11.00 a.m.

Matins (BCP)

Sunday 31st May at 11.00 a.m.

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

Sunday 7th June at 11.00 a.m.

and promising the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He tells them not to be troubled, for He is preparing a place for them in His Father's house. Jesus emphasises that He is the way, the truth, and the life, and that knowing Him is knowing the Father.

He encourages His followers to trust in Him, and assures them that those who love Him will keep His teachings and be supported by the Holy Spirit, who will guide and help them.

The disciples were going to fail and fail him badly; Peter would deny him and the others ran away. and yet those failures can teach us today good lessons. When we fail too in our discipleship maybe we are trying to do things in our own strength and find that it is not enough. Our faith might be strong enough for us to try but if we don't trust and rely on God in our time of difficulty the outcome will be disappointing.

Remember verse 1 of chapter 14, 'let not your hearts be troubled; trust in God, and trust in me'.

If we face our own failures head on we learn and grow, rather like a pilgrim learning to travel the right path, resting in the places offered by God. Verse 2, chapter 14 says 'In my Father's house there are many resting places. If it were not so, should I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?' Resting places on a journey are shelters at stages along the road where travellers can relax. It is the custom in very remote places for travellers to have their journey supported by those who go

Why I Wake Early

Hello, sun in my face.
Hello, you who make the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories,
and into the windows of, even, the
miserable and crotchety—

best preacher that ever was,
dear star, that just happens
to be where you are in the universe
to keep us from ever-darkness,
to ease us with warm touching,
to hold us in the great hands of light—
good morning, good morning,
good morning.

Watch, now, how I start the day
in happiness, in kindness.

Mary Oliver
American poet, 1935-2019
poem submitted by Sally Lowe

ahead to prepare the next resting place so that it is comfortable with food and shelter.

It may be that we are like Peter who denied Jesus, or like the rest of the disciples as we run away, but God will show us our own 'here and now' and show us our next stage, or resting place along our path. We may have a long way to go but we will find that there are many resting places along the way.

To find a resting place is to find fellowship with God 'that where I am ye may also be' (John 14 : 3). That fellowship may fade until we realise we are being called to something further

along our path, then everything depends upon our response. We may stay where we are becoming more tired and depressed or we may look to discover the journey to the next resting place, until we realise there are many resting places marking the stages of our growth with the support of the Holy Spirit, who will guide and help us. What a joyful, wonderful realisation that is as we approach Pentecost this year!

Rev'd Caroline Lazenby

MUSIC FOR ASCENSION

THANK you for coming to our Tenebrae Sequence which took place on 1st April. I hope you found it dramatic, moving and effective.

The Whyte Effect will be singing again on 17th May for a Eucharist celebrating the Ascension of Jesus.

We will be singing an introit by William Byrd called *Viri Galilaei* (The Ascension of Jesus), *God is gone up with a merry noise* by William Croft, and during communion *If ye love me* by the English composer Stanley Vann and the communion setting will be *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Do please come and join us and be uplifted by these great choral works of art.

Nicholas Yates

A GREAT SUCCESS

IT was a great pleasure to welcome so many visitors to the

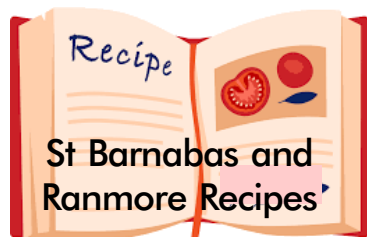
church for our Book Fair on the 18th of April, many of whom had not visited before.

It was a very enjoyable day and we had a huge selection of books on sale and plenty of delicious homemade cakes to sustain all those who attended.

The event raised over £600 for church funds and we are most grateful to all those who supported us by buying/ donating books, making cakes, setting up beforehand, manning the stalls on the day and clearing away afterwards. It all added up to a really successful day.

With many thanks to all.

Geraldine and Carolyn



WE are planning to produce a Recipe Book this year to raise funds for St Barnabas Church and we need your help!

We would welcome recipe contributions from St Barnabas churchgoers and the wider Ranmore community. We aim to sell our book at our Christmas Fayre in November.

For copyright reasons we are looking for recipes which are firm, family favourites (and not taken straight from eg Mary Berry, Jamie Oliver etc!).

Please do include a brief anecdote, origin of your Recipe if you have one, along with the Title, Ingredients,



Method and how many people your Recipe serves. We will include your name unless you tell us not to.

Please send your recipes by the end of July to : helenahay@aol.com

*Many thanks from the team!
Helena*

A RECITAL

ON Saturday 6th June at 12 noon in St Martin's Church Dorking RH4 1UT, CoMA (Contemporary Music for All) Singers present a recital on the theme 'Permutations'.

The Singers are an innovative ensemble, performing repertoire largely written for them, which explores the musical possibilities of the spoken word, gesture and use of space - as well as actualisinging.

This programme includes works inspired by cicadas, change-ringing, and William Blake's vision of angels in Peckham; graphic scores, alongside conventionally notated music; counting in many languages; and the possibility

of audience participation.

Entrance is Free. Retiring collection to the William Cole Church music Trust.

A LECTURE

ON Saturday 4th July from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at St Barnabas Church, Professor William Whyte (Oxford) will give an illustrated talk entitled "Sir George Gilbert Scott and St Barnabas Ranmore."

Discover one of Surrey's most striking Victorian churches and the architect who shaped 19th Century Britain.

Tickets: £8 SCPT members – £12 others – 3 for £30 Advance booking essential www.ticketsource.com;

Search "Ranmore" booking fee applies.

Free refreshments and Free Parking
Proceeds to the
Surrey Churches Preservation Trust
and St Barnabas', Ranmore.

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Who's Who at St. Barnabas

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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

SIR GEORGE GILBERT SCOTT & ST BARNABAS, RANMORE

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BARNABAS, RANMORE

17 MAY 2026



ASCENSION SUNDAY EUCHARIST AT 11.00

To include music by Byrd, Victoria, Croft and Vann

Sung by The Whyte Effect

All welcome