



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH BARNEHURST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



Eucharist services each week at 10.30am followed by refreshments
The next non eucharist service will be on 10th May
Click [here](#) for the full list of Family Services in 2026

VICARS VIEWPOINT

As we approach the beginning of May, our parish continues to reflect the quiet but powerful joy of the Easter season. The message of renewal and hope feels especially present at this time of year, as longer days and signs of spring remind us of new life all around us.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to gathering not only in worship but also in fellowship. Parish life is enriched by the many small acts of kindness, generosity, and shared moments that bring us closer together as a community. Whether through attending services, volunteering, or simply checking in on a neighbour, each of us plays a part in strengthening the bonds we share.

We also take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes their time and energy to parish life. From those who help organise events to those who support quietly behind the scenes, your efforts make a meaningful difference.

As we move further into this season, may we carry forward a spirit of hope, compassion, and openness—welcoming one another and looking outward to those in need.

With every blessing for the weeks ahead
Father Gareth
Vicar of Barnehurst

GIFT DAY: SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

This is the one day in the year when we ask you to consider an extra donation to St. Martin's to help towards the running costs and also essential repairs. Donations can be made by online bank transfer, cheque, cash, in person at Church or via our online giving page

CLICK [HERE](#) TO FIND OUT HOW TO DONATE

GOSPELS FOR MAY

3 rd May 2026	Acts 7: 55 to end
10 th May 2026	Acts 17: 22-31
17 th May 2026	Acts 1: 6-14
24 th May 2026	Acts 2: 1-21
31 st May 2026	Matthew 28: 16-end

COLLECT FOR MAY

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

In May we ask you to pray for everyone living or working in Beverley Road, Eastleigh Road, Homer Close, Manor Way, Northall Road and Windermere 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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St Martin's Church, Erith Road, DA7 6LE

St Martin's is

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Celebrate at our FAMILY FUN DAY
 Saturday 16th May 2026 : 3pm - 6pm

FREE
 Bouncy castle - Silent disco - Soft archery
 Tea - coffee - squash - Creative zone - Face painting
 Temporary tattoos - Giant games

PAID
 BBQ - Bar - Books - jigsaws - soft toys - Photographic
 prints by Crayford Camera Club - Tombola and more

TASTER SESSIONS
3pm - Baby Ballet taster
3:30pm - Latin & Ballroom with Flynn School of Dance
4pm - Jo Jingles taster

ST. MARTIN'S PLAYERS

Present

CLUEDO

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
 Written by Sandy Rustin
 Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price
 Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture
 Based on the Hasbro board game CLUEDO
 With Additional Material by Mark Bell
 Directed and produced by James Belsham and Ciara Cogley

Friday 22nd May 2026 at 7.30pm
Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2.30pm
and 7.30pm

Tickets are £8 Adult or £5 Concession.
 at the Huxtable Hall, St Martin's Church, Erith Road, Bexleyheath

Box Office – 07539 351646
www.stmartinsplayers.co.uk

CLUEDO is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd.
 On behalf of Dramatists Play Service.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

WORRIED ABOUT SCAMS?
 We all need to avoid being caught out. **Our next CAMEO (MU) meeting on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm** is being led by the Nat West Fraud Team to help us avoid falling victim to a scam. As usual we will be starting with tea & coffee in the Maxim Room and anyone over 16 is welcome to come along to this. Entry is £1 and it could be the best £1 you've ever spent! Non CAMEO members are welcome but please let Heather know you are coming, using the newsletter contact if not able to see her at church so that enough seating can be arranged. Meetings usually end by 9pm.

SAVE THE DATE
 St Martin's Quiz Night, Saturday 17th October 2026
 Details to follow

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW - £1 Per ticket
 Email: stmartins.monthlydraw@gmail.com
 Drawn on Sunday 26th April
 1st £25 Keith Rossiter 2nd £10 Mark Jamieson
 3rd £5 Mary Parlett 4th £5 Sandra Elbrow

PLANT SALE
 Last week's Plant Sale and Spring Fair raised funds for St Martin's and also for our local Guiding Groups. The plant sales totalled over £600. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us

EASTER RAFFLE
 This raised £85 for church funds. Many thanks to Brenda for supplying the prizes and to everyone who supported us by buying a ticket

COFFEE SHOP – every Tuesday in the Maxim Room from 10am to 12pm **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

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