



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH BARNEHURST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



Services are held at 10.30am followed by refreshments

Check the service sheet that is emailed every week to see if it is a Eucharistic or a Service of the Word as these can vary in Father Gareth's absence

FATHER GARETH

Father Gareth is still unable to resume his duties at St Martin's and is currently back in hospital. Please continue to keep both him and Julie in your thoughts and prayers

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

For information about St Martin's you can visit our website at www.aChurchNearYou.com/saint-martins-barnehurst

Email st.martins.barnehurst@gmail.com for parish matters or contact st.martins.hall@gmail.com for hall bookings.

For any pastoral matters please contact the Area Dean, Anthea Harris Faulkner via any of the contact details below
vicar@stjohnandchristchurcherith.org.uk

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Christ Church, Victoria Road, Erith, Kent, DA8 3AN

GOSPELS FOR SEPTEMBER

6th September 2026 Matthew 8. 23–27

13th September 2026 Matthew 18. 21–35

20th September 2026 Matthew 20. 1–16

27th September 2026 Matthew 21. 23–32

COLLECT FOR SEPTEMBER

Almighty God,
you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

In September we ask you to pray for everyone living or working in Bullman Close, Chieveley Road, Martens Avenue, Dorothy Evans Close, Erith Road, Spring Vale, Springfield Road, Pinnacle Hill and Pinnacle Hill North

We also ask you to remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers. Father Gareth and Julie, Andrew, Angela R, David Bo, Elizabeth M, Jean B, 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 using the parish contact details above

COFFEE SHOP

Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat at our Tuesday Coffee Shop which has re-opened after the summer break. Every week in the Maxim Room between 10am and 12pm

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



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ST MARTIN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY QUIZ NIGHT

Bring your friends and your brain power for a night of trivia.

Saturday, 17 OCT
St Martin's Church Hall,
Erith Rd, DA7 6LE

7PM START
Doors open 6:30pm

£6 per person
Teams of up to 8

Book by email
fundraising.stmartins@gmail.com

ST. MARTIN'S PLAYERS present
BEYOND A JOKE

a comedy by Derek Benfield
directed by Steve Morley

Fri. 25 September 2026 7:30pm
Sat. 26 September 2026 2:30pm, 7:30pm

at the Huxtable Hall, St Martin's Church, Erith Road, Bexleyheath

Adults - £8 Concessions - £5

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

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

BEXLEY WOMENS AID AT HARVEST TIME
Sunday 11th October

We are once again going to support Bexley Womens Aid at harvest time and any donations of the following items will be very much appreciated by the families they look after

Pasta/Rice/cereals
Squash/Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate/sugar
Salt/pepper/ketchup/mayo
Chocolate spread/peanut butter
Washing up liquid/laundry tabs
Kitchen /toilet rolls
Cling film/tinfoil
Black sacks/sandwich bags

Donations can be left in the church or hall kitchen at any time before 11th October. The Maxim Room is also open on Tuesday mornings during Coffee Shop between 10am and 12pm.

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

More details to follow



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pre-loved
BOOK SALE
adult and child books
& jigsaws available
SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
8:30am - 11am
St Martin's Church,
Erith Road, DA7 6LE



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

Email: stmartins.monthlydraw@gmail.com

Drawn on Sunday 26th July

1st £25 Keith Rossiter 2nd £10 Dave Barnett
3rd £5 Jean Baldwin 4th £5 Gareth Bowen

Drawn on Sunday 30th August

1st £25 Alyson Storey 2nd £10 Elizabeth Miller
3rd £5 Karen Ingram 4th £5 Deborah Farren

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – BOX OPENING

If you have a Children's Society box or would like to make a donation to support the work of The Children's Society, any cash, box or cheques (made payable to The Children's Society) would be very welcome during September. Please pass donations to Heather or to a churchwarden to keep securely if she is not in church.

CAMEO (MU)

Would you like to see pictures and learn something about Bergen in Norway? Our next CAMEO meeting is a "Travel with Heather" evening. She will be showing Powerpoint slides and talking about her visit to Bergen last year. The meeting is on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the Maxim Room. All adults are warmly welcome, entrance £1 person. The meeting will be finished by 9pm.

REMINDERS

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