

**Welcome to our weekly newsletter for**
**Good News for Friday 9 June 2023**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“When he (Barnabas) arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts” (Acts 11:23)*

This Sunday we remember Barnabas, who was not listed among the twelve Apostles but who emerges in the Acts of the apostles as one of the most significant of their number. His name means, "son of encouragement" and he was a great encouragement – to Paul whom he worked alongside – and to the large number of people he shared the good news of Jesus Christ with.

Eventually Barnabas returned home to Cyprus to lead the emerging church there and tradition has it that he was martyred in the year 61AD. Following in Barnabas’ footsteps may we also encourage one another in proclaiming the Gospel into our own community!

**Prayer** ~ our prayer today is the special prayer appointed (the Collect)

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,

Who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas

And gave him grace to encourage others
help us, by his example,

To be generous in our judgements

And unselfish in our service;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. Amen

God Bless you
**Revd Steve Spencer & Revd Rachel Winn**

**This Week Services**

**Barnabas the Apostle 11 June**

**St Augustine's Church:** Southborough Lane, Bickley, BR2 8AT.

**10.00am ~ Holy Communion**

If you are unable to come this service will be Live-Streamed on our YouTube channel address:

[https://youtube.com/channel/UCR70BiHHimXOLZpMSXV44IQ](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3D89f7fbcbe3%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WFc3J1ZBBuUyhgyKSC6yV5sw%2BEFUmMUs264loY88Ml0%3D&reserved=0)

**Scripture Reading:**

Old Testament:  **Acts 11: 19-30**

Gospel Reading: **John 15: 12-17**

**Next Week’s Services**

**2nd Sunday after Trinity 18 June**

**St Augustine's Church** Southborough Lane, Bickley, BR2 8AT.

**10.00am ~ Holy Communion**

**St Luke’s Church** Bromley Common, Bickley, BR2 9RN

**5.30pm ~ Healing Service with Holy Communion**

**Next St Luke’s Services**

**6th Sunday after Trinity – 16 July**

**PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Paddy still needs a home!**

Dear Dog lovers… Many of you may know that Graham is sadly no longer able to look after his beloved dog anymore, so Paddy needs a home. He is a lovely, affectionate old rescue dog (about 14 years old) but he still really enjoys a good walk and catching a ball.

Paddy has a gentle temperament and, despite having a bit of arthritis and cataracts, the vet says he’s in good shape. He is fully vaccinated for the year and has all the relevant pet treatments required for the next 3 months - in fact today the vet has given him ‘a clean bill of health’.

Dog and child-friendly Paddy loves gentle affection, so he needs a loving home… take a look and see if you might feel moved to take Paddy in!  If you would like to know more please ring the church office on:  020 8295 1550 or e-mail to:office@st-augustines.org.uk

**Diary:**
Why not click on the link to download this and join us where you can. Find the June Diary [here](https://d.docs.live.net/2deb1ff335843feb/Pictures/Diary/May%202023.pdf).

**What is on this Week**

**Youth Connect ~ Walk in the Park**

**Saturday 10th May**

For all young people from school year 7. Join us for a walk around Jubilee Country Park. Meeting at 7pm at the Blackbrook Lane car park. Pick up will be at 9pm from the same car park. Please wear shoes/trainers that you do not mind getting muddy as despite the weather the paths can still be a little muddy. Do not forget to brink a water bottle with you.

**The ARK Toddler Group**

**Wednesday 14th June from 10.00am**
The Ark runs every Wednesday (term time only) at St Augustine's Church. Please use the link below for Eventbrite each week, one ticket per child, tickets on a first come first served basis. If anyone is available to help us set up for our ARK session on Tuesday afternoons at 5pm, please let Helen know.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-augustines-with-st-lukes-church-35212875693>

**Midweek Holy Communion**
**Wednesday 14th June at 12 Noon**
Midweek Holy Communion in St Augustine's Church, will take place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. This is held in the Chapel, and all are welcome.

**WELCOME SPACE is still running,
Every Thursday,** **from 11.00am - 4.00pm**

**Dates For Your Diary**

**Youth Connect** ~ **dates for Summer Term:**

24th June ~ ‘Murder in the Youth Group’

8thth & 22nd July ~ details to follow in future newsletters

 **Forget me not Café**
**Tuesday 20th June at 1.30pm**
This a memory café for anyone with dementia, their families, carers and friends, run by members of the Bromley Common group of churches. For anyone who is needing support because of personal experience or concern about friends or family with dementia and especially for those suffering from dementia and their carers. You are welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cakes available plus a time to relax with a singsong too.
We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 1.30 pm in the Garden Room.

**On the Green Pre-Loved Sale:**

**Saturday 8th July 12.00 noon ~ 2.00pm**

**‘Hunt 4 A Bargain’**

(St Augustine’s church, Southborough Lane, BR2 8AT)

You are warmly invited to join us on the sunny St Augustine’s Church Green to help us raise funds for the church. There will be a large variety of new and nearly new (pre-loved) items for all the family, young and mature years!

Do you have any unwanted items that we could sell at our sale?

Please speak to Linda Spencer if you intend on donating as we do not want to duplicate too many items. There will be a couple of boxes at the back of St Augustine’ church from Sunday 11th June, for you to put your donations.

We are looking for:

~ Homeware items (photo frames, cushions, new candles etc)

~ Unopened Toiletries

~ Handbags

~ Costume jewellery

~ Jewellery and trinket boxes

 **Parish Weekend away ~Ashburnham Place**

**Friday 5th - Sunday 7th January 2024**

We have not had a Parish Weekend away for some years. This post pandemic period gives us an ideal opportunity to look afresh at what God may be calling us to do in our parish and enable us to develop a plan together for the next 3-5 years.

Further details including cost to follow, please do not let the cost become a barrier www.ashburnham.org.uk.

**Charity and Community Updates**

**BROMLEY FOOD BANK ~ do not forget us!**

      

**The Food Bank has plenty of pasta, cereal, biscuits, poussins and tea.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FOOD IS IN DATE BEFORE YOU DONATED IT AND DO NOT DONATE ANY CHILLED OR FROZEN ITEMS AS THEY DO NOT HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT.

**Keep in touch**

Though we are not all able to meet in person, we certainly do not want anyone to feel isolated or alone. If you know anyone who might appreciate a call, do let us know by contacting the Vicar or emailing the Office.

We also have a prayer team, and you can send in [prayer requests](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Da7a27560e6%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dk3frYmnaOC%2FQKRAbu3vyn4K4IA42ib5uXJA8Dd%2Bd80%3D&reserved=0) for yourself or others.

Lastly, if you know of someone who would like to receive our weekly newsletter, then forward this email to them and ask them to sign up [here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Db1887815f4%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gG5WWbCBDvWNrYRaC0Rawyg7g6IResEQbu9ZpKRTDRk%3D&reserved=0)[.](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Dcfbaa5abee%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2DXSNCK4Z0Ssuz4C3tOhJsqPc4l%2FIFFL3osakDAyG%2BI%3D&reserved=0)

 **Love, prayers and the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always.**

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Linda Spencer   Tues & Thurs

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You can donate online to **our bank details are 20-14-33  20772100.**
**Payee Account Name**
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