

## Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

The Church remembers in this same week not only Charles Borromeo, but also Martin Luther, one of the most important people 'shaping' the Reformation. A German priest, theologian, hymnwriter, professor and Augustinian friar. Significantly discomfited by the state of the Roman Catholic Church, he expressed his own thinking in the three affirmations: by faith alone, by grace alone, by scripture alone. Tradition tells us he nailed his 95 theses on the door of the castle Church in Wittenberg. These set out the principles of his own theological thinking. He especially opposed the sale of indulgences, to obtain forgiveness and a shorter time in purgatory. In 1521, at the Diet of Worms, when he refused to withdraw his writings, he was excommunicated by Pope Leo X. The Roman Catholic Church, under Pope Benedict XVI, would later recognise Luther's importance in the Western Church's understanding of the theological concept of Justification.

He spent much time forming his new Church's structure, but made conservative changes to the liturgy of the Mass. His followers were called Lutherans, much against his own wishes. He died after years of illness in 1546.

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## Do Not Lose the Habit – Hunger Does Not Satisfy Itself

We are still celebrating our harvest. Please continue to bring in a mountain of tins and dried food for us to take to our local food bank in Tunbridge Wells. It has been heartening to see the offerings in the basket at the rear of the Church filling up. Please remember those in our own community who need our help, especially as the colder weather of autumn closes in.

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## The Revised English Hymnal Requires No Further Revision

Regular readers of the Pew Leaflet will recall a previous mention of the forthcoming publication of the Revised English Hymnal, copies of which we are intending to acquire in the near future for use in church.

The good news is that the first copies of the hymnal are currently being printed and will be available for purchase soon. Unfortunately, there has been one final delay, meaning that the Full Music Edition will now be published at the end of November. A well-known online shopping website currently suggests that the Melody edition and the Words only edition are planned to be published towards the end of December.

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## Victims of War and Civil Breakdown

Please light a candle for those held in the darkness of uncertainty, and those who wait to welcome them home. There are so many 'lost' people around the world, imprisoned, held hostage or being tortured. May God's love and light shine on them with hope.

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*Please take this Pew Leaflet home and keep it for your reference and prayers.*

*Take a copy to give to a friend and share the good news.*

*If you have any news or ideas that might be considered for inclusion in future leaflets, please give copy to Robert Middlewick. (robertmiddlewick@gmail.com)*

*Shared stories build community and enfold new-comers*

## THE PARISH OF S. BARNABAS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

*WELCOME TO S. BARNABAS' CHURCH,  
especially if you are a visitor or a new-comer*

### PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR

- all who are caught up in wars, especially the peoples of the Holy Land and Ukraine
- the people living and dying in Gaza
- the leaders of the world that they will work for peace for their people, and peace between nations
- Charles, our King, and his government; that they will lead us with wisdom, justice and vision
- Justin, our Archbishop, Jonathan, our Diocesan Bishop, and Norman, our Bishop, Fr John, our Vicar; that our Church may grow in faith and numbers; that more priests may be called to serve in the Church
- the members of our Police Service, for their integrity and safety
- all who are homeless, hungry, or unemployed
- Carla, James, Brian, Ann, Roy
- those who have died recently – among those, Boyce Rhea - and those in our hearts and minds, that their souls may be received into the Kingdom

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### Time Shift

If you did not remember that our clocks went back in the early hours of this morning, we hope that you made good use of your additional hour in Church before Mass.

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### Services this Week

Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October – <i>Feria</i>	11.00 am Low Mass
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> October – <i>Feria</i>	11.00 am Low Mass
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> November – <i>ALL SAINTS' DAY</i>	11.00 am Low Mass
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November – <i>ALL SOULS' DAY</i>	11.00 am Low Mass (Requiem) 7.00 pm SUNG PARISH REQUIEM
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> November – <i>Feria</i>	11.00 am Low Mass
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> November – <i>S Charles Borromeo</i>	11.00 am Low Mass
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> November – <i>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</i>	11.00 am FESTIVAL PARISH MASS and Sunday School

## RefugEase and the Israeli-Hamas War

A number of people have asked recently what we can do to support humanitarian efforts for those caught in the crossfire of the Israeli-Hamas conflict. *RefugEase* is a charity with a local presence which is working to alleviate suffering for populations caught up in such circumstances. They are providing several ways for people to donate towards humanitarian relief in that area - you can read more about it here: [Gaza Appeal Aid Shop — Refugease](#)

If you go online, you can see how it works. On the website you can put items of aid, such as a food parcel or a medical aid kit, into your basket, and pay for it, just like any other online shopping. You pay, and the items are made available from a hospital and a school in Gaza via *RefugEase's* local partners, MATW Project. *RefugEase* updates the items regularly so that those most urgently needed can be supplied.

*RefugEase* also has a charity shop in the 'Royal Victoria Place', and you are encouraged to go in to discuss their efforts and donate in person, if you choose. Please note that *RefugEase* does not take political sides in these situations, as it is only concerned with humanitarian aid.

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## S Charles Borromeo

On Saturday this week, we remember the life of Charles Borromeo, the sixteenth century Bishop of Milan. He was an important defender of the Roman Catholic faith during the period of the European Reformation and Counter-Reformation. In the middle of the century, everyone knew that the Church needed reform, and Charles was a leading reformer amongst those who remained within the Roman fold. He took part in the *Council of Trent*, founded seminaries and religious schools, and championed care for the poor during the plague of 1576.

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.....and on the same day

## A Remembrance Service at Canterbury - Saying Goodbye

This Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.30am at Canterbury Cathedral there will be a special Service for all who have lost a baby during pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether this happened days or years ago. It will also be appropriate for those who have been unable to conceive.

The impact of these events stays with us for all our lives, and this Service will be a good opportunity to share with others and to seek comfort. The charity 'Saying Goodbye' suggests that one in four women suffer from miscarriage or baby loss. Do share the news with any to whom it may be helpful.

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## A Double Celebration of All Saints

November begins with the great Church celebration of *All Saints Day*. On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> we shall have a Low Mass at 11.00am on the actual day, whilst next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>, we shall have a *Festival Parish Mass* to celebrate the witness of our Church's history in the people who, through the centuries, have reflected the light of Christ's salvation of the world. Next week we have our All Saints' Sunday rejoicing.

*This week we enter,*

## November, the Month of Remembrance

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we shall be marking one of the most important days of the Church's year, All Souls' Day. In an era when the western world is not sure how to cope with – or understand – death, the Church has something positive to offer. We are confident of a life beyond this, opened to us by the resurrection of Christ.

Everyone is encouraged to join us at our **SUNG REQUIEM MASS** at 7.00 pm. It is a beautiful and comforting commemoration of those who have died. The name of our departed relatives and friends will be read out during the intercessions, and the lamps, brought in remembrance and dedicated to particular people, will be lit, to shine on the Church window ledges for the next seven days.

The lamps remind us of the continuing light of each individual soul shining in the darkness of physical death, and joining with the larger light of the risen Christ.

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## The Guild of All Souls

This is a time when all of us might recall the work of 'The Guild of All Souls', and consider becoming members of the Guild. It is dedicated to the offering of prayers for the faithful departed, and also for those dying. There are application forms in Church, which can be completed and returned to the General Secretary, with your annual standing order (minimum of £20). Members receive an intercession paper, and will be remembered in prayer ultimately on the anniversary of their death. The commitment of each member is to remember the departed in his or her prayers, attend Requiem Masses, especially on All Souls' Day, and care for the dying and bereaved. *Do take a form today.*

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## Incidentally

'The Guild' acts as the patron of a number of parishes, including S Barnabas', our own Church. This means it has the duty and privilege of presenting a priest to be our Vicar, as it did with Fr John.

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## Two Tunbridge Wells Christmas Entertainments for Little People

'Little Owl and the Christmas Lights' is the title of a show commissioned by 'The Amelia Scott' for the young and early school years children. There are morning and afternoon shows from 8<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December. The show ends with the owl finds out 'the true meaning of Christmas'.

Meanwhile, at the Assembly Hall Theatre, 'Beauty and the Beast' will be presented between 9<sup>th</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> December. A show for older children and adults, it will contain shimmering sets and outrageous costumes, and the trapping of our heroes in an enchanted castle over a mysterious beast.

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## All Gifts and Skills Welcome

There are opportunities for you to become a server, reader, steward/greeter, refreshment welcomer. Please speak to Fr John if you feel called to these ministries.