

The last stained glass window depicts Faith, Hope and Love. Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13, v 13



On the wall on the other side of the church are two large oil paintings.



The first is a copy of William Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World".

I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3, v 20

The one to its right is a copy of Rubens' painting of "Doubting" Thomas who struggled to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead, but ended up as the first disciple to express his faith in Jesus.



Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

John 20, v 27-28

There is no need to rush away. Wander, stand or sit and enjoy this house of prayer and of the saints.

If you have a prayer request, please write it the prayer book which you can find on the shelf behind the pew where you picked up this leaflet. Your prayer may be included in the next service.

We are currently awaiting the appointment of a new Priest here at St Barnabas but, if you have a need to speak to a Priest, please telephone or text 07761 204774 and leave a message. Arrangements will be made for someone to contact you.

We hope you have found your visit here inspiring and peaceful.

The biblical quotations in this leaflet are taken from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible. If you wish to read more about the events depicted in our stained glass windows or other Bible passages, copies are available to read while you are here in church. Alternatively, the whole text of the Bible can be found on the internet at www.biblegateway.com/versions/New-International-Version-NIV-Bible/



St Barnabas Church in Sutton, Surrey

invites you
on a journey of faith

Welcome to this Parish Church of
St Barnabas.

*We hope that you find it a peaceful, tranquil,
beautiful place.*

The name Barnabas means "encourager", and so as we welcome you – we also encourage you to come in and let GOD's peace touch you afresh.

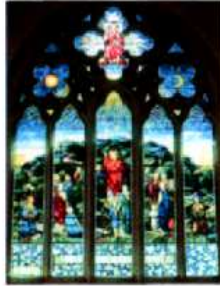
Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11, v 28

Through the ages people have drawn close to GOD and found forgiveness and new meaning to life. We suggest you be still and let GOD's presence enfold you here.

First, look towards the front of the church.

The main part of the magnificent East Window is an artistic depiction of Jesus's "Sermon on the Mount" when he addressed the multitude in Galilee.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5, v 3

Feel free to walk right up to the communion rail and take a closer look.

The Sermon on the Mount has held a primary place in the teachings of the Church throughout the centuries. In it, Jesus describes what our life can be like while we live in faith, in our thoughts, words, and actions. Several times Jesus says, "You have heard it said..... but I tell you.....". He was calling people to a renewed way of living and relating to God instead of through a system that had become legalistic and burdensome for the people to engage with.

Afterwards, turn to your right and walk into the Memorial Chapel to look at our other stained glass windows.

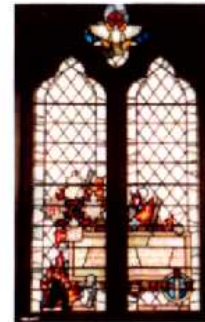


The window above the altar in the Memorial Chapel depicts three scenes. It shows Jesus with Mary and Martha in their home in Bethany, the Baptism of Christ, and the Supper at Emmaus with Cleopas and his friend after Jesus had walked with them from Jerusalem after the Resurrection.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24 v 32

The first window on the side wall is the Civil Defence Window. It shows the Arms of the then local authorities of Sutton & Cheam and Carshalton. It is a tribute to all those who served in the Civil Defence Services in the Second World War (1939 - 1945). Close to it are the names of those in the parish who lost their lives in service of their country.



Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 John 3 v 16

The theme of the next window is the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, who was told by the angel Gabriel that she would have a son who would be the Son of God.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

Luke 1, v 30 - 32



Now walk down the steps past the piano.

The next window shows the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as was the custom. Joseph and Mary are on the left and the right are Simeon and Anna, both described as faithful people. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and said,

"Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation."

Luke 2, v 29 - 30

