

## Update on Sister Barbara [Burrowes] van Praag's Seunghwa

Donna Martijn  
April 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was extraordinary to be back in our spiritual homeland [Korea], immersed in the heart of God our Heavenly Parent's Providence at the Hyo Jeong Training Center and witnessing the amazing opening of the Cheon Won Gung (CWG).

Experiencing it in person is a profound blessing, though, as you may know or can imagine, it comes with its challenges. Physically, it reminded me once again of the spiritual course our True Parents have walked. Yet, amidst it all, the atmosphere was absolutely uplifting and filled with grace.

### Updates on Sister Barbara

As I reflected, I truly believe Sister Barbara wanted to be in Korea, and the only way she could do so was from the spirit world. Her passing on the 7th carried a meaningful spiritual significance. However, from a practical standpoint, many of the Church Leaders from Great Britain, where she lived, were already in Korea or preparing to depart.

Amidst these circumstances, and understandably, her daughter, Silra, felt the pressure to begin preparations. Wanting to honor her mother's rich musical heritage, she chose to present the Seong Hwa Ceremony with a strong musical tribute. Thankfully, the ceremony was set for April 29th, allowing time for the key individuals connected to Barbara to return and give more support to Silra, especially from the Seunghwa perspective.

Let's keep Silra in our prayers, as this is undoubtedly a deeply emotional time for her. Sister Barbara will be laid to rest in the same cemetery as her beloved husband, Silvio.

### Donation Efforts

A GoFundMe campaign was also launched to support the costs of the undertakers, burial, and headstone. While in Korea, and from other sources, I had the opportunity to personally ask brothers and sisters for support, raising €460.

After consulting with Barbara's former church leader, who will lead the services, we agreed that these additional donations will go toward a plaque in her honor at the British church's burial site, where there is already one for Silvio. Any remaining funds will contribute to her headstone.

I will be traveling to England and will personally hand over the funds to the church pastor for these designated purposes. On behalf of Silra, Sister Barbara, and our entire community, I sincerely thank each one of you who contributed to making this possible.

### Service Details

**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025

**Arrival at Peace Center:** 11:00 AM

**Time of Service:** 11:30 AM

(Please be patient, as services may not always start exactly on time.)

**Check time conversions here:** [World Time Buddy](#)

**Join via YouTube livestream:** [www.youtube.com/live/BRgZdIMh8ws?si=AFGEPa-M9Z1JOtV2](https://www.youtube.com/live/BRgZdIMh8ws?si=AFGEPa-M9Z1JOtV2).

Please find the event flyer attached with further details.

I will be leaving on April 27th, so if you have any questions, please contact Lorna at: [[famigliarusso82@gmail.com](mailto:famigliarusso82@gmail.com)].

With appreciation, love, and prayers,

Donna

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CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



*Pansy Barbara Winefride  
van Praag Sigaar  
née Burrowes*

**31st December 1929 - 7th April 2025**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**11.00 AM**

Haslemere Hall,  
2a Haslemere Road,  
Thornton Heath, CR7 7BE

**2.00 PM**

London Road Cemetery  
London Rd, Mitcham CR4 3LA

**3.00 PM**

The Selkirk, 60 Selkirk Road,  
Tooting, SW17 0ES

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