



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 13th July 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our newsletter for the Parish of All Saints', Birchington. I hope that it is providing you with sufficient information as part of our worshipping community. Please let me know if it is not. ***This is a newsletter for our church congregations so please send any notices or events you would like publicised*** to Rev Mark preferably via email on the email address: birchnewsletter5@gmail.com by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

WEEK 3: Sunday 20th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8:00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10:30am: Junior Church in Church House.
No service at St Thomas Church.

Iona Community Worship

“With Christ” (Eucharist/Holy Communion Service) every Tuesday at 10am in Quex Chapel, All Saints Church. Come along and contemplate and pray with us. **Iona Community Morning Prayer** every Friday at 8:30am in All Saints Church. All welcome.

BCP Collect

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings

1 Peter 3.8-15a; Luke 5.1-11.

Common Worship Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings

Psalm 52, 15; *Amos 8.1-12*; Genesis 18.1-10a;
Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-end.

NOTICES Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who show them love and care: Neil, Paul, Jean, Michelle, Shani, Del, Dora, Clive, Jackie, Julie, Andy, Ruth, Richard, Keith, Kathy, Chantel, Linda, Ann, Donna, Mary, and Danny.

Please let us know if prayers have been answered for any of those on our prayer list.

RIP: Evelyn L. Please pray for her family.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Pastoral Friends Lunches/Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in Church House – **Tuesday 22nd July and 12th August 2025 at 11am.** Coffee mornings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. All welcome!

The next Pastoral Friends lunch will be on **Friday 18th July.** We meet at 12:30pm for 1pm lunch. If you wish to attend please contact **Maureen on 07802 804134.** Please let us know in writing if you have any special dietary requirements.

Forward Notice

Please note that there will be **NO Pastoral Friends Coffee Morning on August 12th due to essential work in Church House, but it will be held in All Saints Church instead.** Church House will be closed to **everyone on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th August** due to essential work being carried out.

Car Parking Notices

Please can everyone keep the first space – next to Church House doors – free for loading/unloading passengers or goods. Thank you.



Church and Hall Bookings

All bookings whether for church or halls must be booked in via the Parish Office.

Baptism and Confirmation

If anyone is interested in baptism (christening) or confirmation, please speak to Rev. Mark for more details.

PCC – Reporting Back

A briefing paper on the PCC meeting held on 26th June is available in the folders in Church.

Scripture Union

Scripture Union begins on Monday 28th July. Beds and cakes (labelled with ingredients) are required. Please contact Sara. Many thanks in anticipation.

All Saints Roof and Spire

The Consultant has visited All Saints Church to gather information for our National Lottery Heritage Fund application to obtain funding to assist with the replacement of the roof and shingles on the tower and lightning conductors. Please hold this work in your prayers.

All Saints Lychgate

Structural requirements and renovations are needed. The Parish has been able to secure a grant from the Parish Council to partly fund this work, which is gratefully received. Other bids and requests for funding are in progress.

Saints and Stained Glass Windows

We welcomed a Year 5 class from the local school to explore saints and learn more about stained glass windows. An interesting time was shared by all.

Noticeboards in Church House

The cork backings have now been replaced so that our posters are held securely and safely.

REMINDERS

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues please contact Loraine, Parish Safeguarding Officer or Rev Mark who are the **designated safeguarding leads** for the Parish.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Parish Breakfasts – Our Community

Thank you to those who attended this very interesting talk on fire safety. The next breakfast is on 13th September, at which the RBL chair, Lieutenant Colonel Max Houghton, will talk about the Poppy Appeal. If you wish to book a place please contact Dave Alker or Mia in the Parish Office to assist with catering. Payment with booking is essential. The price is **£8** for a cooked breakfast, toast and tea and coffee.

Strawberry Tea (13th July)

There is a Strawberry Tea today (Sunday 13th July) starting at 3pm with a cost of £7.50. Please contact Mike Little to attend.

Table Top Sale (9th August) the Church will be holding a stall and any donations of items to raise funds for the Church would be gratefully received. Please bring to the Parish Office or we can collect.

Other fundraising events include:

- 20th September: Railway Swing Band

More details will follow in due course.

Telephone Numbers and Contact Details

Mia Ottley, Parish & Booking Administrator, (01843) 840777

E-mail: parishclerkasb@gmail.com

Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge, (01843) 840777

or (01843) 844591 E-mail: priestbmba@gmail.com

Loraine Bant, Churchwarden, 07835 330562

Email: churchwardenlab@gmail.com ← Please phone for emergencies.

Paul Seymour, Churchwarden, 07889 150037

paul.660seymour@btinternet.com

Sara Gower, Treasurer

Email: sara.gower@btinternet.com

If you would like to make a donation to support the life and work of our parish, please scan here:

