



## The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 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](mailto:birchnewsletter5@gmail.com) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

#### **WEEK 2: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.  
10:30am: Morning Prayer, 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.

**Pets Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in All Saints Church** – please bring your pet(s) to be blessed.

#### **Common Worship Collect**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Common Worship Bible Readings**

Psalm 50.1-8, 23 [or 50.1-7], 33.12-22; Genesis 15.1-6; Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40.

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

#### **NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS**

##### **Pastoral Friends Lunches/Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings in Church House – **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 11am.** Coffee mornings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. All welcome!

Please note that there will be **NO Pastoral Friends Coffee Morning on August 12<sup>th</sup> due to essential work in Church House, but it will be held in All Saints Church instead.**

The next Pastoral Friends lunch will be in September – date to be confirmed.

##### **Forward Notice**

**Church House will be closed to everyone on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August due to essential work being carried out. Please note that toilets in Church House will be closed.**

##### **Car Parking Notices**

The car park will be **closed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August** for line painting. Please can everyone keep the first space – next to Church House doors – free for loading/ unloading passengers or goods. Thank you.

##### **Please Note**

Mia works in the Parish Office between 9:00am and 12:00pm on weekdays only. The office may not be manned at other times, but we do have an answerphone facility.

##### **Children's Society Boxes**

Children's Society Boxes can be handed either to Mia in the Parish Office (between 9am-12pm Mon-Fri) or to Sara Gower during August please.



### **Acol Church**

There will be a public meeting about the future of this Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3pm in Acol Village Hall.

### **All Saints Art Group – Art Exhibition**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025.  
Open 10am-4pm. Venue: Church House.  
Tombola and refreshments, free entry and parking.

### **Scripture Union**

Cakes (labelled with ingredients) are required.  
Please take to Kearns Hall. Please keep SU in your prayers over the next week.

**Singing for Wellbeing** is taking a summer holiday. We restart on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm in Kearns Hall.

### **East Kent Ploughing Match**

All Saints Parish will have a gazebo and display at the East Kent Ploughing Match on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We have invited the choir from BCEP to join us and we will give more details of the events at the beginning of September.

### **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**

The next breakfast is on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Table Top Sale (9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pastoral Friends Afternoon Tea (Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August)** in Church House at 3pm. Please book in with Maureen.

**Churchyard Tours and Tea (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm)** Please book in with Dave Alker for this popular event and to assess numbers attending.

**Railway Swing Band (20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at The Village Centre)** in aid of Church repairs. Bar, lucky programme and raffle. Tickets £10 available from Kath on 07957 846230 or [kathleenporteous@aol.com](mailto:kathleenporteous@aol.com).

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