



## The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

### Sunday 24<sup>th</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 5: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August–The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

10:30am: Joint Parish Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

No service at St Thomas Church.

Congratulations to Robi and Krissy who were married yesterday (23<sup>rd</sup> August) at All Saints Church. Blessings and prayers for their married life together.

#### **VJ Day**

Thank you from the Parish Council, Royal British Legion, and the Parish who attended the ceremony in the Square and the event in Church House to commemorate VJ Day. Thank you to all who helped with hospitality and welcome.

#### **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.

**Please note that there will be no “With Christ” service on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**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 Bible Readings**

OT: Psalm 81.1, 10-end [or 81.1-11]; Psalm 112; Jeremiah 2.4-13; Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18a; Proverbs 25.6-7.

NT: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16; Luke 14.1, 7-14.

#### **Common Worship Collect**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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, Keith, Kathy, Chantel, Linda, Ann, Donna, Mary, Danny, Catherine, Olive, Susan, Bailey, Wendy, Sue, Hazel, Carolyn, Jay, Ruth and Richard.

We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.

**RIP:** Joseph and Keith. Please pray for their families and friends.

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

The **Parish Office will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. Please contact Loraine in an emergency.

#### **Car Parking Notices**

Please can everyone keep the first space—next to Church House doors—free for loading/ unloading passengers or goods. Those parking in this space must display their blue badge. Thank you.

**The Mission Hub** is part of the PCC. It is chaired by Bernard Taylor, who has a passion for Mission. Please pray for this Hub as it considers our Mission Plan for 2026-29. If you have any ideas, please send to Mia who will pass onto Bernard.



### **Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings in Church House - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> September. Coffee mornings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. All welcome!

The next Pastoral Friends lunch will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September in Kearns Hall – 12:30pm gather for 1pm lunch. Please contact Maureen on 07802 804134 to book, and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements in writing.

### **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.

### **East Kent Ploughing Match on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Quex Park**

All Saints Church Birchington will have a stand at the Match to hold a "Harvest Festival in a Tent". Please pray for the event, especially for good weather and for opportunities for All Saints to share the Good News of Jesus.

### **Organ Recital on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30pm in All Saints Church**

Alessandro Bianchi will be back in All Saints for his fourth annual recital. Tickets are £10 on the door. Let's give him a good audience!

### **Ride and Stride – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

We need volunteers to sit in St. Thomas (all day) and All Saints Church (12:00pm onwards) for this event. If you can help, please contact Loraine using her details at the end of the newsletter. Dave Alker will be participating in this year's Ride and Stride, raising funds on behalf of 'Friends of Kent Churches' and All Saints Church. Please get in touch with Dave at [dave.alker@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.alker@btinternet.com) to sponsor him for this worthwhile cause.

### **Return of Collection Bags during Worship Services**

Collection bags for donations during church services will be passed around the congregation during the offertory hymn.

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

### **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.



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

**Churchyard Tour 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.

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