



## The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 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 4: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September–The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

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.

#### **Saying Goodbye**

There will be a 'Saying Goodbye' Remembrance Service on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at Canterbury Cathedral for those who have lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, and for those who have not been able to have a child.

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

OT: *Psalms 91.1-6, 14-end [or 91.11-end]*, 146;

*Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; Amos 6.1a, 4-7.*

NT: 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-end.

#### **Common Worship Collect**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:**

Donna, Susan, Bailey, Sue, Harley, Andy, John, Chris, Danny and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Ruth and Richard.

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

**The new prayer list has begun, so please let Rev Mark, Loraine or Mia know if you would like any names added to our prayer list. Surnames can be included with expressed permission.**

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

##### **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

The PCC meets this Thursday. Please do hold its work in your prayers.

##### **Supper Club Returns!**

Supper Club has returned. Any donations of baked beans, biscuits, apple juice or squash are welcomed – please bring into the Parish Office. Many thanks.

##### **Acol Church**

There will be a public meeting about the future of this Church **today** at 3pm in Acol Village Hall.

##### **Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings in Church House - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning - and 14<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome!

There will be **no October Pastoral Friends Lunch**, but there will be a **Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – more details to follow.

##### **Harvest Celebrations**

There will be the previously mentioned **Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October will be the **Harvest Festival in Church**.



### **East Kent Ploughing Match on 24<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.

### **Birchington CEP School**

A busy week in school. Collective Worship, where we explored creation and gratitude, and "Together", our service where we take "church into our school", was well attended and we thought about discipleship and particularly St. Matthew. Our Prayer Group met too and we are working on a Collective Worship project on the "Lost Sheep".

### **Puzzle Club**

The Puzzle group passed its test at the September meeting, so will be continuing for the time being. The October meeting will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 at 23 St Mildred's Avenue. So do come along for a coffee and a chat – and maybe even some Jigsaw puzzling! **Bob Hinge**

### **CAMEO**

Cameo will be meeting on 9th October at the later time of 3.30 at Church House, where we will be hearing a talk 'Curtains up on Margate Winter Gardens' given by Ian Carter-Chapman. Look forward to seeing everyone for the start of our new programme. **Deirdre**

### **The Storehouse**

Please consider the Storehouse in Birchington as part of your regular giving. There are boxes in all churches.

### **Iona Community Network**

**"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-ending stream."**  
**Amos 5.24**

Thank you to all who have responded with interest to this new venture. Rev. Mark will be in contact to arrange an initial meeting to discuss ideas further.

### **Singing for Wellbeing**

Meet for a 2:00pm start at Kearns Hall on Mondays. All welcome!

### **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**

**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 as we usually need two tours.

**Railway Swing Band (20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at The Village Centre)** Thank you to all who attended and organised this event – especially Kath.

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