

The Parish of All Saints', Birchington Sunday 12th October 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.

<u>WEEK 3: Sunday 19th October-The Eighteenth</u> Sunday After Trinity

8:00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.

9:30am breakfast for a 10:00am service: Family Together, Church House.

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church. 10:30am: Junior Church, Church House. **No service at St Thomas Church.**

On <u>Sunday 2nd November at 3pm</u>, there will be <u>"A Time to Remember Your Loved Ones Service"</u> at All Saints Church. Please let Rev Mark or Loraine know if you would like to attend, or fill out the forms in the back of Church and return to the Parish Office or give to Rev Mark or Loraine.

On <u>Sunday 19th October</u>, we are starting a new <u>'Family Together'</u> service every third Sunday of month in **Church House**, beginning with a **complimentary breakfast** at **9:30am**, followed by a **10:00am service**. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, modern songs, and practical, relaxed worship service.

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 Bible Readings

NT: 1 Corinthians 1.4-8; Matthew 22.34-end.

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Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings

OT: Psalm 121; Genesis 32.22-31. NT: 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5; Luke 18.1-8.

Common Worship Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through 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, Harley, Andy, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Keith, Ted, Ruth and Richard.

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

RIP: Mick. Please pray for Marian and the family. His funeral will be tomorrow, Monday 13th October, in All Saints Church at 11am. There will be a gathering in Church House following the service. All welcome.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS Birchington CEP School

We now have a pop up banner from the school highlighting their values.



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.

Prayer Cards

There are Prayer Cards for many situations in the back of All Saints Church. Please take for your use or someone else as needed.

Harvest Lunch

Thank you for all the donations received after the Harvest Lunch. A big thanks to Maureen, Tina, and Helen for organising the lunch.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in Church House - Tuesday 14th and 28th October. All welcome!

There will be **no October Pastoral Friends Lunch** as we have had a Harvest Lunch. The next lunch is November 21st in Kearns Hall.

The Storehouse

Please consider the Storehouse in Birchington as part of your regular giving. There are boxes in all churches. All Harvest donations will be given to the Storehouse after our service today. Thank you for these gifts.

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 16th, 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**

Stewardship

The Parish has launched its Stewardship campaign to raise much needed funds to maintain our ministry and mission. Many thanks to all those who contribute to Church funds already, but if you are able to review your giving, join the Parish Giving Scheme, or start giving on a regular basis we would very much appreciate it. We understand if you are not able to because of cost of living pressures. If you have not already received an information flyer, please take one from the back of Church.

Emergency Contact Forms

Emergency Contact forms can be found in the back of Church or in the Parish Office. Please consider filling one out in case of emergencies and handing it in to Rev. Mark, Loraine, or Mia.

REMINDERS

<u>Safeguarding</u> is everyone's responsibility. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues please contact Loraine, Parish Safeguarding Officer or Rev Mark as soon as possible who are the **designated safeguarding leads** for the Parish.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Churchyard Tour and Tea on Saturday 4th
October – thanks to everyone who attended the Churchyard Tour and Tea and to all those who organised the event. We made £552.75 for Church funds.

The popular <u>Christmas Sing-a-Long</u> is returning to <u>All Saints Church</u> on <u>Saturday 29th</u> November at 4:00pm.

The next <u>Mike's Quiz Night</u> is to be held on <u>Saturday 15th November.</u> Please book in with him.

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