



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 5th 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.

WEEK 2: Sunday 12th October–Harvest Festival

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10:30am: Morning Prayer, St Thomas Church.
10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

On **Sunday 2nd November at 3pm**, there will be **“A Time to Remember Your Loved Ones Service”** 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.

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.

Common Worship Bible Readings

OT: Psalm 100; Deuteronomy 26.1-11.
NT: Philippians 4.4-9 or Revelation 14.14-18;
John 6.25-35.

Common Worship Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
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, Sue, Harley, Andy, John, Chris, Danny and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Katherin, 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 on 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

Singing for Wellbeing

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

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.

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 a Harvest Lunch.

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





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 next Sunday.

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**

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.

Birchington CEP School

At our "Together" service in school we considered the importance and necessity of living in community. We considered what makes up a "community" and how living together respectfully brings about safety, togetherness and inclusivity.

Residential Care Homes

We visited Highfields last week and enjoyed giving thanks for the Harvest and God's provision during our service. The residents and staff at Highfields have made very generous donations of food items for Storehouse, which will be blessed during our Harvest service before delivery. It was also good to be able to spend some time making individual visits to residents. We are visiting Grenham Bay Care Home next week.

REMINDERS

Safeguarding *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

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