



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 9th November 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 3: Sunday 16th November–The Second Sunday before Advent

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

9:30am for breakfast and 10:00am: Family Together, Church House, Kent Gardens.

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

No service at St Thomas Church.

Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9am. All are welcome. Come and experience the stillness of All Saints as we pray.

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

OT: Philippians 1.3-11; Matthew 18.21-end.

BCP Collect

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings

OT: Psalm 98, Malachi 4.1-2a.

NT: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19.

Common Worship Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
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 F, Susan, Bailey, Andy, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Katherin, Ted, Rev. David R., Keith, and Donna.

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

RIP: Ruth. We pray for Richard and for their family and friends.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Please note that the **Parish Office** will be **closed tomorrow (Monday 10th November)**. In an emergency, please contact Loraine on the number at the end of the newsletter.

I am starting to think about **Christmas Presents for Families at the School** who may not get a present on Christmas Day. I would like to collect Selection Boxes, and if anyone would like to donate money for a gift please pass on your donation to Rev Mark or Loraine. I will then purchase a gift on your behalf. Thank you.

Loraine



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. Help us to sustain our future.

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.

Intergenerational Group

The pupils at school are disappointed that we have not managed to set up a group because of limited interest from the congregation. to meet with them in Church House. Please see Rev Mark if you would like to be involved.

Books in Church House

If you have any books that you no longer require, please bring them into the Parish Office for display on our shelves for sale in Church House. A big thank you to Maureen Young for organising our bookshelves.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings in Church House at 11:00am – Tuesday 11th and 25th November. All welcome! We will observe a 2 minute silence at 11:00am this Tuesday.

The next Pastoral Friends Lunch is **November 21st** 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**

PCC Minutes – 23rd June and September PCC Reporting Back

Minutes for June and the report from the September PCC are in the folders at the back of church.

National Lottery Funding Application for Steeple and Church Roof at All Saints

Work is progressing on this project with the development of a Project Plan to deliver our application. We are seeking a Project Architect to deliver this exciting project.

Rev. Mark and Loraine will be serving a **Christmas Lunch** in **Church House** on **Christmas Day** at **1:00pm**. Places limited, £10 per head – please sign up with Rev. Mark.

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

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

The next **Mike's Quiz Night** is to be held tomorrow (**Saturday 15th November**) at **7pm in Church House**. Tables of 8, BYO drinks and nibbles. £7 per person, tables can be booked in advance – contact Mike on **07986 332005**.

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