



# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

### 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 Mia preferably via email on the email address: [parishclerkasb@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkasb@gmail.com) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

#### **Today's (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>) Services:**

8:00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.  
10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

#### **Next Week's Services: WEEK 2: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February—The Second Sunday before Lent**

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

#### **In need of space and a place of peace?**

Why don't you try a midweek service:

#### **Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9am.** All are welcome.

**"With Christ"** (Eucharist/Holy Communion Service) Tuesdays at 10am, Quex Chapel, All Saints Church. Come along and contemplate and pray with us. **Iona Community Morning Prayer** Fridays at 8:30am, All Saints Church.

#### **Common Worship Bible Readings (8<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

OT: Psalm 136 or 136.1-9, 23-end; Genesis 1.1-2.3.

NT: Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end.

#### **Common Worship Collect (8<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
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:** Josie, Tim and Sue, Ian, Susan, Bailey, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Ted, Rev. David R., and Stephen.

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

**RIP:** Donna. Please pray for Ben, Marina, Gavin, her close friend Christine, and her family. Donna's funeral is tomorrow (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February) at 10:00am in All Saints Church. All welcome.

**RIP:** Rosanna. Please pray for Matilda and her family.

**RIP:** Andy. Please pray for his family and friends.

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

#### **Project Consultative Questionnaire**

The latest edition of the Parish Council Magazine features a Project Consultative Questionnaire about your views of the potential reordering of All Saints Church. Please complete and remove the form from the magazine, and either post or hand it into the Parish Office in Church House by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Alternatively, there are forms available in the Office which you can collect.

#### **Lent Birchington Churches Together Soup Lunches**

All lunches start at 12:00pm on a Tuesday unless stated otherwise. Here are the dates and venues:

- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb: Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Soup Lunch, Kearns Hall.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: the Methodist Church.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March: The Bay United Reformed Church.
- 10<sup>th</sup> March: Church House.
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March: Catholic Church.
- 24<sup>th</sup> March: Baptist Church.

To book, contact Margaret by phone/email or when at church: 01843 840 878 or 07899948373, or [margaret.hawkins7@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.hawkins7@btinternet.com)

#### **Christmas Cards**

If anyone would like to support an idea to raise funds by using old Christmas cards to make new ones ready for Christmas 2026, please speak to John Repsch.



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#### **Lifts to Church or Church Events**

If anyone would like a lift to Church services or events (e.g Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings), please contact Rev. Mark or Loraine.

#### **Lent Groups**

This coming Lent the Spirituality Group will be 'hosting' its own Lent Course. Starting on Thursday 26th February and then on every Thursday until 26th March; the theme will be the 'I am' passages as spoken by Christ in the Gospels. The sessions will be specifically for the church family at All Saints, St Thomas's and St Mildred's and will be an alternative Course to the one run by Birchington Churches Together. There will be more information in the New Year.

Love and Prayers, **Paul, Angela and John.**

#### **Treasurer**

After 15 years, Sara wishes to stand down as PCC Treasurer to spend more time with family and friends. We thank Sara for her hard work and commitment to the role which has been challenging, not just more recently, but over much of her tenure, as the Parish has struggled with its finances. If anyone is interested in the role, please speak to Rev Mark, who will discuss the post further, provide a job description and the process for selection. Please note that this is an **unpaid role**.

**Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings** in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February**. All welcome.

The next **Pastoral Friends Lunch** is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** 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**.

#### **The 100 Club**

The February edition of "The Parish and You" contains forms to join the 100 Club. It costs £12 per year, and 50% of this raises money for church funds and 50% is given out in monthly prize draws. To join, either speak to Sara, or complete the form in the Parish Magazine and give to Sara or the Parish Office.

#### **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**

**Parish Breakfasts** are returning! The first will be on **Saturday 21st February, 9am, Kearns Hall**. The speaker is Phil Morley, Birchington resident and Police Inspector, talking about policing and managing offenders in communities. Price: £8. Please book via Dave Alker or the Parish Office.

#### **Telephone Numbers and Contact Details**

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