



# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 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 11<sup>th</sup>) Services:**

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

#### **Next Week's Services: WEEK 3: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January—The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

8:00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.  
10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.  
9:30am for breakfast and 10:00am service: Family Together, Church House.

#### **Running on empty?**

Why don't you try a midweek service for some peace and calm:

#### **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 (18<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

OT: Psalm 40.1-12; Isaiah 49.1-7.  
NT: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42.

#### **Common Worship Collect (18<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BCP Bible Readings (18<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

NT: Romans 12.6-16a; John 2.1-11.

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



#### **BCP Collect (18<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; 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: Tim and Sue, Ian, Susan, Bailey, Andy, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Ted, Rev. David R., and Stephen.

We pray for all those who will be attending funerals this week. We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.

**RIP:** John. Please pray for Jean, his family and friends. John's funeral is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11am in All Saints Church. All welcome at Fields afterwards.

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

**RIP:** Olive Gray. Please pray for her friends. Olive's funeral is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm at St Thomas Church followed by committal at Thanet Crematorium. All welcome.

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

##### **Week of Christian Unity (19th-25th January)**

For coffee, conversation and reflection. Venues as follows and meeting from 10:30am to 11:30am:

**Mon 19th** Church House, Kent Gdns

**Tues 20th** St Thomas' Church

**Wed 21st** Catholic Church, Minnis Road

**Thurs 22nd** The Bay Church,

**Fri 23rd** Baptist Church, Station Rd

**Sat 24th** St Mildred's, Acol

**Sun 25th** United Service at the Methodist Church at 3pm.



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**Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings** in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January**. All welcome.

The next **Pastoral Friends Lunch** is on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January** 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.**

#### **Parish Share 2026**

Our Parish Share for 2026 is £90,000, which contributes partly to clergy stipends and Diocese staffing costs including safeguarding. The Parish over the last 15-20 years has struggled paying its quota to the Diocese and anticipates that this year will be more challenging despite growth in attendance. This Parish has delivered much:

20% growth in Christmas attendance, on 2025 levels.

Supper Club in its outreach to young children and families.

Singing for Wellbeing.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings and Lunches for fellowship and support.

Plans to reorder All Saints Church.

Building and sustaining excellent working relationships with the school.

Our new Family Together service, and the Together service in the school.

Strengthening our community links, e.g. residential care homes.

An innovative solution to mission and worship in Acol.

If you are currently giving regularly to the Church, may I thank you for your generosity, and if you would like to increase the amount each week or month that would be appreciated. Or, if you do not give regularly, you may wish to consider doing so.

#### **Birchington CEP School**

The school are visiting the Church at various times this year for services, and to learn about Church events and the building as part of our continuing work together in the Parish.

#### **Parish Magazine: The Parish and YOU**

Please send articles in (with up to 3 photographs) by **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January** to Mia (contact details below) or take them in to Mia in the Parish Office.

#### **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.**

**Puzzle Club** will be held on 22nd January rather than 15th January. Usual venue, usual time.

#### **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.

#### **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 is on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 9am, Kearns Hall.**

Price: £8. Please book via Dave Alker or the Parish Office. Further details to follow.

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