



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 29th March 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 (parishclerkasb@gmail.com) by 5pm on Wednesdays.*** Thank you.

Today's (Sunday 29th) Services:

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

Next Week's Services: WEEK 1: Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

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

Easter Midweek Services:

Monday 30th March

7:00pm: Compline, All Saints Church.

Tuesday 31st March

7:00pm: Compline, St Thomas Church.

Wednesday 1st April

7:00pm: Compline, All Saints Church.

Thursday 2nd April—Maundy Thursday

7:00pm: Institution of Holy Communion and The Stripping of the Altars, All Saints Church.

Friday 3rd April—Good Friday

9:00am: Morning Prayer, All Saints Church.
10:30am: Walk of Witness to 11:00am Birchington Churches Together Service, the Village Centre.
2:00pm: Jesus' Seven Last Words – A Time of Reflection and Prayer, All Saints Church.

Saturday 4th April

9:00am: Morning Prayer, All Saints Church.

Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret

Chapel: Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Thursdays at 9am. All are welcome. We will still be holding services during Holy week.

“With Christ” (Eucharist/Holy Communion Service) Tuesdays at 10am, Quex Chapel, All Saints Church. Come along and contemplate and pray with us. There will be **NO Iona Community Morning Prayer** on Good Friday.

Common Worship Bible Readings (5th April Easter Sunday)

NT: Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 *or* Matthew 28.1-10.

BCP Bible Readings (5th April Easter Sunday)

NT: *Colossians 3.1-7; John 20.1-10.*

Common Worship Collect (5th April Easter Sunday)

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

BCP Collect (5th April Easter Sunday)

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. 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: Ann, Josie, Ian, Susan, Bailey, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Ted, Paul R., Stephen, Denise, and Keith.

We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered. **After Easter we will renew our prayer list.** Please give names to Mia, Mark or Loraine. Thank you.

RIP: Tim. Please pray for Sue and Tim's family who mourn him.



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A Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
as we walk with you through this Holy Week on
the road to Calvary,
steady our steps when the path grows heavy.
Give us courage to face the truth about ourselves,
grace to carry the burdens of others,
and compassion that mirrors the heart of Christ.
When we stand at the foot of the cross,
let us not turn away.
Hold us in the silence of that sacred place
where sorrow and mercy meet.
Teach us again that no darkness is too deep
for your redeeming light.
And as we wait in the stillness of Holy Saturday,
keep hope alive within us.
Prepare us for the dawn that breaks and for the
joy expressed
for the life that rises anew.
Through Jesus Christ,
who loved us to the end
and loves us still. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

**Please note that today (Sunday 29th March) the
clocks have gone forward.**

The **Parish Office will be closed** for the Easter
bank holiday on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
Please contact Loraine in an emergency.

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.

Birchington CEP School

On Monday, Year 5 came into Church House to
participate in "Easter Cracked" as they explored
the meaning of Easter in a fun and interactive
way.

All Saints Reordering Project

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire
on the above project. The results are currently
being analysed and the findings will be
considered by the PCC. Our Project Architect is
currently working through options on reordering.
Watch this space!

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church
House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 14th and 28th April.**
All welcome. The next **Pastoral Friends Lunch** is
on **Friday 17th April** in Kearns Hall – 12:30pm
gather for 1pm lunch. Please contact Maureen on
07802 804134 to book; **let us know if you have
any special dietary requirements in writing.**

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

Birchington Silver Band: Music for the Steeple
Today (Sunday 29th March) 2:30pm-4:30pm, All
Saints Church. Free entry, but donations are
welcomed to raise funds for the Church's steeple.

The next **Parish Breakfast** is on **25th April, 9am,**
Kearns Hall. The speaker is Project Architect
John Bailey, on the All Saints Church restoration
project. Price: £8. Please book via Dave Alker or
the Parish Office. **If you would like to attend the
talk but not the breakfast, please come along
at 9:30am.**

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