



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 19th April 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 19th) Services:

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

9:30am for breakfast, 10:00am service: 'Family Together' Service, Church House.

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

Next Week's Services: WEEK 4: Sunday 26th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, St Thomas Church.

10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: 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 Collect (26th April)

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings (26th April)

NT: Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10.

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, Danney and family, Cathy, Ann, Ian, Denise, Bailey, Abdul, Carol, Keith, and Stuart.

Please pray for the pupils, staff and families at our village Church Primary School as the new term begins. We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.

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

RIP: Michael. Please pray for his family, and especially his children.

Easter Season Prayer

Risen Lord,

In the light of Your resurrection,
we find hope that outshines every shadow,
peace that calms every storm,
and joy that renews our weary hearts.

Roll away the stones of doubt and fear within us,
so we may walk boldly in the path of Your love.

Help us to see new beginnings in every ending,
and to share the warmth of Your grace
with all we meet.

May this Easter season be a time
of deep gratitude, renewed faith,
and overflowing compassion.
Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Summary of Project Consultative

Questionnaire on All Saints Church

Thank you to everyone who completed this survey. All of your responses have now been collated. Overall, respondents felt that All Saints Church was greatly important to this community, with many wanting to see more family and children-focused events. The vast majority of respondents said that it was 'greatly important' to repair and improve All Saints Church, with most aware of its status as a Grade II listed building. We were also given much to think about from responses to the question 'Is there anything stopping you/putting you off coming into the building?' The words 'community', 'history/historic', and 'family' were most commonly mentioned when thinking about the Church. Your responses to all of these questions will be at the forefront of our decisions in how to reorder All Saints Church to suit the community's needs. Our Project Architect is currently working through options on reordering, so please continue to watch this space!



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Egg Boxes

Thank you all for your kind donations of egg boxes for our 'Easter Cracked' event with the school – we no longer need any more.

Iona Community Network Group

On April 22nd at 12:00pm, the Iona Community Network Group have invited Jonathan Arnold to join them for a service and lunch to speak on Social Justice Network at the Diocese of Canterbury and the projects he is involved with. Please speak to Rev. Mark if you would like to attend.

Quex Gardens Garden Party, Monday 4th May 11am-4pm

On Monday 4th May, Quex Gardens are hosting a Garden Party supported by the Birchington Parish Council in celebration of 100 years of the Powell-Cotton Trust. We will be hosting a stall there – please pray for this ministry, and come along and visit if you can.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 28th April and 12th May**. All welcome.

The next Pastoral Friends Lunch is on **Friday 15th May** 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 Concert – The Steeple Appeal

Many thanks to all who came to the recent concert. In total, £650.00 was raised for the Steeple Fund.

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, but please let Dave know for number of chairs required.**

Indoor Games and Afternoon Tea in Church House, Saturday 30th May, 2pm-4pm.

Cards, scrabble, bagatelle, and much more!
Entry by ticket, £8 per head – contact Kath Porteous on 07957 846230 to book.

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