



# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:parishclerkasb@gmail.com)) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

### **Today's (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>) Services:**

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

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

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

### **Next Week's Services: WEEK 4: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

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

10:30am: Morning Prayer, St Thomas Church.

10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

### **Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:15am.** 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 (24<sup>th</sup> May)**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Common Worship Bible Readings (24<sup>th</sup> May)**

NT: Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 *or* 7.37-39.

**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, Cathy, Ann, Ian, Denise, Abdul, Carol, Keith, Salian and Susan.

Please pray for April and Liam as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday.

Please pray for the pupils, staff and families at our village Church Primary School, especially the year sixes who took their SATs this week.

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

**RIP:** Josie. Please pray for Rita and Stephen, and her family and friends.

**RIP:** Stuart. Please pray for his father Barry and his family and friends.

**RIP:** Danney. Please pray for Gloria, Pauline, Martin, and his family and friends.

### **Prayer for the Days Between Ascension and Pentecost**

Come, Lord God, as we wait between Ascension and Pentecost, steady our hearts in hope. In this in-between time, teach us to trust your promises and to watch for the stirring of your Spirit.

Fill your Church again with courage, with joy, and with the life that only you can give. Through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

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

#### **New Facebook Group**

Please join our new Facebook group, 'The Reordering of All Saints Church', to see updates on the reordering process.

#### **Christian Aid Week, 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Christian Aid envelopes can be found in Church and in the Parish Office for donations.

#### **APCM – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm in Church House**

Papers and nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod reps are in Church.

#### **Hedge Trimming**

Thank you to Lionel and Marilyn for the hedge trimming at the front of Church House.

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





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### Auger Stones

Lorraine is going to make an order for auger stones for the Garden of Remembrance. If anyone would like to order one, please give names to Mia – the cost is £175.

### The All Saints (ASB) Guild of Change Ringers

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, members of ASB entered into a bellringing competition. There were 10 teams from Thanet, Canterbury, Faversham and Lyminge who rang at Goodnestone near Canterbury. ASB came third and deserve congratulations for their skill.

### Iona Community Network Group

This week the group has met to worship together, share lunch and listen to Rev'd Doctor Jonathan Arnold who we invited to speak to us about the work he does in the Diocese. He told us about one particularly exciting upcoming event:

**Courageous Communities: Sanctuary & Racial Justice Conference**, 10:00-16.00 Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. It is open to all, churches, organisations, and to those wishing to engage with refugee inclusion and racial justice. Hear stories of sanctuary, explore the Afghan Welcome Project, and join the Sanctuary & Racial Justice launch. Leave with next steps and deeper understanding and resources to own. Registration is now available on the Cathedral website.

**Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings** in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** and **9<sup>th</sup> June**. All welcome.

The next **Pastoral Friends Lunch** is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 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 Lorraine, Parish Safeguarding Officer or Rev Mark as soon as possible who are the **designated safeguarding leads** for the Parish.

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

#### Parish Breakfast

The next Parish Breakfast is on June 13<sup>th</sup>, where we will have a talk from the Community Warden on scams.

#### Indoor Games and Afternoon Tea in Church House, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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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