



# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 24<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 24<sup>th</sup>) Services:**

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.  
10:30am: Morning Prayer, St Thomas Church.  
10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.  
6:30pm: Birchington Churches Together  
Pentecost Service, Holy Family Catholic Church.

### **Next Week's Services: WEEK 5: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

10.30am: Joint Parish Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

### **Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:15am.** Please note the new time.

**"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 (31<sup>st</sup> May)**

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Common Worship Bible Readings (31<sup>st</sup> May)**

OT: Psalm 8; Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end.  
NT: 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end.

**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, Brian, Mary, and Susan.

Please pray for April and Liam as they start their married life after their wedding yesterday.

Please also keep in your prayers Alba, who is to be baptised this afternoon, and her parents, Godparents, family and friends.

Please pray for the pupils, staff and families at our village Church Primary School.

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. Her funeral is at 11:30am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June in All Saints Church. In lieu of flowers, please give donations to Pilgrim's Hospice. Please wear a touch of lilac. So we can give numbers for catering, please sign up on the sign up sheet in Church.

**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 Pentecost**

Spirit of the Living Breath,  
come like dawn over the waiting hills,  
spill gold into the hollows of our hearts,  
and stir the embers we thought had died.  
Let your fire dance in the marrow of our bones  
kindling courage where fear has made its nest;  
let your whisper weave through the noise of the world,  
teaching our tongues the language of mercy.  
Fall upon us as rain on thirsty ground,  
rooting peace deep in the soil of our days;  
move us as the tide moves the moonlit shore,  
until love overflows every boundary we have drawn.  
O Spirit, flame upon the wind,  
make of us a single song-  
rising, unbroken,  
into the heart of God. Amen.

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





# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## NEWSLETTER



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

#### **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (APM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – TODAY (24<sup>th</sup> May), 12pm in Church House**

Please do attend today's meetings to learn of the Church's work throughout 2025 and plans for 2026/7.

#### **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid envelopes will be removed and counted next week and all donations sent off.

#### **Blessing of Flower Stand in Memory of Stan and Eileen Thompson**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Rev Mark welcomed Jane and her two children to All Saints to bless a beautiful flower stand which now is placed in front of the pulpit. The plaque was made to remember the service of Stan and Eileen in All Saints Church. Further details are in the forthcoming Parish Magazine.

#### **All Saints Church Tidy – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 10am**

A skip has been hired and we are looking for volunteers to help clear out the Church of unwanted clutter. Any volunteers please turn up – teas and coffees provided.

#### **The Storehouse**

Please consider the Storehouse in Birchington as part of your regular giving. There are boxes in all churches.

#### **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.

#### **Auger Stones**

Loraine 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.

**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 Loraine, 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 Community Warden Jason Gordon on scams. Please book in with Dave on [dave.alker@btinternet](mailto:dave.alker@btinternet) or 07962 929700.

#### **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.

#### **Mike's Spring Quiz, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, Church House**

Tables of 8 & can be booked in advance. BYO Drinks and Nibbles. £7.00 per person - Contact Mike on [quexmaster@hotmail.com](mailto:quexmaster@hotmail.com) or 07986 332005.

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

Mia Ottley, Parish & Booking Administrator, 01843 840777 Email: [parishclerkasb@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkasb@gmail.com)  
Rev Mark Ham, Priest-in-Charge, (01843) 840777 or (01843) 844591 Email: [priestbmba@gmail.com](mailto:priestbmba@gmail.com)  
Rev Jim Barber, Curate, 07389 126222  
Email: [james-barber@sky.com](mailto:james-barber@sky.com)  
Loraine Bant, Churchwarden, 07835 330562  
Email: [churchwardenlab@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardenlab@gmail.com)  
Paul Seymour, Churchwarden, 07889 150037  
Email: [paul.660seymour@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.660seymour@btinternet.com)  
Sara Gower, Treasurer  
Email: [sara.gower@btinternet.com](mailto:sara.gower@btinternet.com)