



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 21st June 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 21st) Services:

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

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

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 4: Sunday 28th June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

10:30am: Sung Eucharist, St Thomas Church (St Thomas Patronal).

Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Mondays 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.

Prayer and Chat over coffee at **St Mildred's Acol** on Wednesdays at 10:00am.

Common Worship Collect (28th June)

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings (28th June)

OT: Psalm 13, 89.1-4, 15-18 [or 89.8-18];

Genesis 22.1-14; Jeremiah 28.5-9.

NT: Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-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, Brian, Mary, Susan and Raymond.

Please pray for the Year 6 pupils as they come to the end of their primary school years.

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

Prayer for the Week

Gracious God, in the midst of our busy days, grant us the gift of stillness. Help us to recognise your presence in the ordinary moments and to draw strength from the quiet work of your Spirit.

Where we feel stretched, give us resilience.
Where we feel weary, give us rest. Where we feel uncertain, give us wisdom and courage.

Teach us to walk gently with others, to listen deeply, and to live with compassion and hope.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

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.

School Fete

Saturday 27th June, from 11am-3pm. All welcome.

Youth Club

Rev. Mark is considering setting up a Youth Club. If anyone would be interested in supporting this initiative, please let Rev. Mark know.

Iona Community Network

This group held a Eucharistic service as we reflected upon the plight of refugees during Refugee Week. It was a powerful and moving experience as we prayed about the hardships and struggle that refugees face. Our worship was enhanced with the accompaniment of a harp during the singing of hymns. If anyone is interested in joining the ICN please speak to Rev. Mark.



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All Saints Church Tidy – 15th 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. If anything at the back of Church is yours, please remove before this is done.

The Storehouse

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

Ordinations at Canterbury Cathedral

Rev. Jim and other Deacons will be ordained Priest on Saturday 4th July 2026 at 2:30pm. Services are open to the public. Please pray for Jim as he prepares for this day.

Churchyard Volunteers

If anyone is interested, please contact Loraine in the first instance. Your involvement could be as limited as watering plants in pots, or for the more adventurous, gardening and weeding.

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.

Birchington CE Primary School

Years R and 3 attended the first “those who love you” service in the Church. Both year groups participated in the service and we sang Chain of Love. Rev Mark and Loraine led the “roving mic” and the “talk slot” with the opportunity for the pupils to contribute, which they did with much enthusiasm.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 23rd June and 14th July.**

The next **Pastoral Friends Lunch** is on **Friday 17th July** 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.**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Mike’s Spring Quiz, Saturday 20th June, 7pm, Church House

Thank you to all who attended and organised this event.

Val’s Mixed Tea and Dance, Saturday 18th July, 2pm-4:30pm, Church House

Including cream, scones and tea. Charity raffle for Church funds. Tickets from Val on 01843 312913.

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