



# The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 20th September 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*** via email ([parishclerkasb@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkasb@gmail.com)) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

### **Today's (Sunday 20th) Services:**

8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints' Church.  
9.30am breakfast before 10am Family Together Celebration, Church House Hall.  
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church

### **A Thought for the Week in Three Sentences:**

**Reference:** Matthew 9:37 **Summary:** Jesus teaches that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. **Thought:** Your life has purpose beyond yourself. Look for where God invites you to serve. Small acts matter and make a difference.

### **Next Week's Services: WEEK 4: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity:**

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

### **Harvest Festival Services (4<sup>th</sup> October) at All Saints Church and St Mildred's, Acol.**

Your harvest gifts will be gratefully received and donated following our services to The Store House.

### **Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Mondays and Thursdays at 9:15am.**

**"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 Bible Readings (27<sup>th</sup> September):**

OT: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end.

NT: Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

### **Common Worship Collect:**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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, Cathy, Ann, Ian, Denise, Abdul, Carol, Keith, Mary, Susan, Carol H., Richard, Raymond and Sue M.

**In memoriam:** Michael ("Mick") Ernest Edward Ransley who passed from this life on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Please pray for all those in residential care homes.

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

### **Parochial Church Council – 24<sup>th</sup> September:**

Please pray for this meeting and for the work of the PCC.

### **Prayer for the Week:**

Faithful God, You call us to share Your love in a world ready for hope. Strengthen our hands and warm our hearts, that we may serve gladly as labourers in Your harvest. Guide our church this week with Your grace and peace.  
Amen.

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

#### **Upcoming Baby Loss Support Service (Saying Goodbye (part of Mariposa International):**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 at 11am in Canterbury Cathedral. **So, who is the service for?** Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or



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friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend.

**Christmas Day Lunches:** Over the last couple of years Rev Mark and Loraine have offered Christmas Day lunches. However, due to annual leave commitments after the busyness of Christmas services we cannot offer meals.

**Trial of New 4th Sunday Pattern:** A three-month trial will introduce a new pattern at All Saints: a 9:00am Said Communion followed by a 10:30am Morning Prayer with hymns from **JANUARY 2027**. Monthly Evensong beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 4pm at All Saints Church.

**Giving via Sum-Up Machine:**

**This machine is not functioning at the moment as we need to obtain a faculty to update the internet provision.** The collection plate, envelopes and the Parish Giving Scheme are other ways of giving. Please have a chat with Rev Mark if you would like to know more.

**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.

**Youth Club:**

If anyone would like to donate (e.g. biscuits, apple juice or money so that we can purchase on your behalf).

**Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings** in Church House at 11:00am – **22<sup>nd</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> October**. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be raising money for the Macmillan Support Coffee Morning.

**Please note the change of date:** The next Pastoral Lunch will be on **Friday 25th September**. Gather in Kearns Hall for 12.30pm for a 1pm lunch. The menu will be **sausage and mash, peas and onion gravy followed by fruit crumble with custard**. If you would like to attend for an enjoyable lunch and fellowship please contact Loraine by **Wednesday 23rd September**. This will assist the cooks with the shopping of provisions and preparation.

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

The next **Parish Breakfast** is on **Saturday 26th September** at **9am in Kearns Hall**. Our speaker is Royal British Legion Chair Lieutenant Colonel Max Houghton, who will talk about the Poppy Appeal. Sign in with Dave Alker at [dave.alker@btinternet.com](mailto:dave.alker@btinternet.com) or 07962 929700. £8.00 payable at time of booking.

**Christmas Fair:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 12.30pm in Church House. Please contact Sara Gower (e-mail: [sara.gower@btinternet.com](mailto:sara.gower@btinternet.com)).

**Thanet Concert Band** are hosting a concert with 50% of its proceeds donated to the All Saints Steeple Fund. The concert is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October in All Saints Church at 7.30pm**. Tickets from Loraine. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

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