



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 30th August 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 30th) Services:

10.30am: Thanksgiving Sung Eucharist, St Thomas Church. Whole Parish – drinks and nibbles will be served in Kearns Hall after the service.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 1: Sunday 6th September - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

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 (6th September)

OT: Psalm 149, 119.33-40; Exodus 12.1-14; Ezekiel 33.7-11.
NT: Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20.

Common Worship Collect (6th September)

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect (6th September)

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings (6th September)

NT: Galatians 5.16-24; Luke 17.11-19.

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, Issy, Vanessa, and Raymond.

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

We pray for the staff, children and young people returning to school this week, and especially for Year R and 7 as they start their new schools.

This Week's Thought:

Reference: Psalm 23:1

Summary: The Lord is my shepherd who guides and protects me. Thought: You are not walking alone. God's guidance is gentle but steady. Trust the path even if you cannot yet see the destination.

Prayer for the Week:

Lord, our Shepherd, lead us to quiet places where our souls find rest. Walk with us through every shadowed valley and steady us with Your presence. Let Your goodness and mercy follow us today and keep us close to Your heart forever. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Reporting Back from the PCC Meeting – 23rd July 2026

Service Attendance: Attendances encouraging. Strong turnout at Family Together.

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. This offers a lighter liturgical option aimed at supporting families. Monthly Evensong From October.

Mission & Community Work: New services have begun at Wain House care home. Supper Club and school partnerships continue strongly.



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Administration Update: Recruitment for Mia's replacement will begin.

Finance & Stewardship: Financial pressures continue, and all church lettings will contribute toward utility costs. Groups using Church House or Kearns Hall will be asked to cover heating, cooking, and lighting. Work will begin on exploring grants, including options for future youth ministry.

Acknowledgement of Additional Work: The PCC expressed appreciation for the Priest-in-Charge and the Churchwarden, who have taken on significant extra responsibilities, including covering Treasurer duties during this period.

Safeguarding: All new PCC members have completed safeguarding training.

Singing for Wellbeing begins again on Monday 31st August.

Giving via Sum-Up Machine

Thank you to all those who make donations via the Sum-Up Machine near the church entrance. Sadly, the church does not receive the full amount from your donation because of its surcharges. There are other ways of donating – via the collection plate, envelopes and the Parish Giving Scheme. 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

Meetings have been arranged to move this idea forwards.

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.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 8th and 22nd September.** On the 22nd we will be raising money for the MacMillan Coffee appeal.

The next Pastoral Lunch will be on **Friday 18th 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 16th September.** This will assist the cooks with the shopping of provisions and preparation.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday 12th September – Annual Churches Ride & Stride. Dave Alker is entering this event, and sponsor forms are at the back of church. We need help during the afternoon at All Saints Church to welcome visitors – please see Loraine if you are interested in volunteering.

Churchyard Tour, Saturday 12th September at 2pm

£8 per person, including an afternoon tea in Church House at approx. 3:15pm. Meet at the lower Church entrance by Church House at 1:45pm for a prompt 2pm start. To book in, please contact Dave Alker at: dave.alker@btinternet.com or on 07962 929700 (any dietary requirements to be advised on booking).

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 or 07962 929700. £8.00 payable at time of booking.

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