



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 13th 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) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

Today's (Sunday 13th) Services:

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
No Morning Prayer service at St Mildred's, Acot, because of road closures.

A Thought for the Week in Three Sentences:

Reference: Psalm 9:9 **Summary:** God is our refuge in times of distress. **Thought:** Run toward God. He shelters your fears. Rest in His protection.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 3: Sunday 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:

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

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 Acot** on Wednesdays at 10:00am.

BCP Bible Readings:

NT: Ephesians 3.13-end; Luke 7.11-17.

BCP Collect:

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings: Matthew – Apostle & Evangelist:

OT: Proverbs 3.13-18.

NT: 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13.

Common Worship Collect:

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. 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: Gwen Woodland and Mary Little who passed from this life on 15th September.

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

Prayer for the Week:

Lord our refuge, we thank you for your steadfast love and for the justice of your kingdom. Strengthen the weary, lift the discouraged, and help us trust your mercy in all that this week brings. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

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

Saturday 3rd 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 friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend.



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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 11th 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 – **Tuesday 8th and 22nd September**. On the 22nd 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

Milk Bottle Tops: 20th September will be the last time to bring in milk bottle tops for recycling.

Saturday 12th September – Annual Churches Ride & Stride. Thank you to all who sponsored Dave and well done for completing the event.

Churchyard Tour, Saturday 12th September at 2pm:

Thank you to everyone who attended and to David and Tim who led this event and to Loraine and Maureen who prepared the teas.

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.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th November from 10am to 12.30pm in Church House. Please contact Sara Gower (e-mail: 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 10th October in All Saints Church at 7.30pm**. Tickets from Loraine. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

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