



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 4th October 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.

WEEK 1: Today's (Sunday 4th October)

Services:

8.00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

10.30am: Junior Church, Church House.

A Thought for the Week from the Scriptures in Three Sentences:

Psalm 65 — God hears prayer, forgives sin, and blesses creation with abundance. **Thought:** God's generosity is both spiritual and physical — He forgives, He sustains, He provides. The psalm moves from the quiet of the temple to the flourishing of the fields, showing that grace always overflows outward. Let this week be one of gratitude: notice the small provisions, the quiet mercies, and the signs of God's care woven through your days.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 2: Sunday 11th October – Harvest Festival (The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity):

10.30am: Harvest Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

10.30am: Harvest Morning Prayer, St Mildred's, Acol.

10.30am: Junior Church, Church House.

4pm: Evensong, All Saints Church.

Harvest Festival:

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

A Service to Remember Loved Ones, Sunday 1st November 2026 at 3pm at All Saints Church. If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) read out during the service when we light candles during our time of remembrance - forms are available at the back of 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 Harvest Collect:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Harvest Bible Readings (11th October):

OT: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14.
NT: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30 or 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, Raymond and Sue M.

Please pray for our local Member of Parliament and all local politicians. May all politicians work for the common good.

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



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Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, You hear our prayers and fill the earth with Your goodness. Your care renews weary hearts and sustains all creation. Bless our parish with gratitude, peace, and trust in Your abundant grace. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Parish Magazine:

The October Parish Magazine will be available from **Thursday 8th October** for delivery.

Apologies about the delay this month. The theme for the November Parish Magazine will be **REMEMBRANCE**. If you would like to submit an article please do so by Sunday 18th October 2026 to parishclerkasb@gmail.com or drop into the Parish Office.

Confirmation Preparation:

Confirmation is a Bishop-led service at which baptised Christians affirm the promises made at their baptism, receive prayer for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, and are welcomed as members of the Church of England. If you have been baptised but never confirmed, or if you're simply wondering whether now might be the right time to take that step, please let Rev Mark know. We're hoping to gather a small group for preparation in the coming weeks, and anyone interested is warmly invited to get in touch. If you have not been baptized we can arrange this prior to confirmation.

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.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church House at 11:00am – **13th October and 27th October**.

Pastoral Friends Lunches: The next lunch will be on **16th October**. Gather in Kearns Hall for 12.30pm for a 1pm lunch. **The menu will be beef casserole followed by a meringue fruit dessert**. If you would like to attend for an enjoyable lunch and fellowship please contact

Loraine by **Wednesday 14th October**. This will assist the cooks with the shopping of provisions and preparation.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our final breakfast of the year will be on **Saturday 21st November at 9am** in Kearns Hall and is entitled "Walking with Kiwis." Rev David and Carol Frost and Mike Little will recount their adventures in New Zealand. Not to be missed! Sign in with Dave Alker at dave.alker@btinternet.com or 07962 929700. £8.00 payable at time of booking.

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. **Please support this event to help with funding the Steeple repairs.**

Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th November from 10am to 12.30pm in Church House. Please contact Sara Gower (e-mail: sara.gower@btinternet.com).

Mike's Autumn Quiz, Saturday 14th November in Church House. Tables of 8. BYO drinks and nibbles. Prompt start at 7pm. £7.00 per person. Book in advance with Mike at quexmaster@hotmail.com or 07986 332005.

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