



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 11th 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 2: Today's (Sunday 11th October)

Services:

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.

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

Psalms 73:26 — The Lord is my portion forever.

Thought: God is enough. Let Him satisfy your deepest longings. Contentment grows from trust.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 3: Sunday 18th October – Luke The Evangelist:

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

9.30am breakfast followed by Family Together Celebration in Church House Hall.

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

Harvest Festival Donations:

Thank you for your Harvest donations which will be taken 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.

BCP Collect (Luke The Evangelist):

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings (18th October):

2 Timothy 4.5-15; Luke 10.1-7.

Common Worship Collect (Luke The Evangelist):

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings (18th October):

OT: Psalm 147.1-7; Isaiah 35.3-6.

NT: Acts 16.6-12a; 2 Timothy 4. 5-17; Luke 10.1-9.

NOTICES: Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who show them love and care: Chris, Ann, Cathy, Ann, Ian, Denise, Abdul, Carol, Mary, Susan, Carol H., Richard and Raymond.

Please pray for local shops and businesses within Birchington. We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.



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Prayer for the Week:

Lord, My strength may fail, but You remain the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Hold me in Your steadfast love today and be all I need. Amen.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Lifts to Church: If people require lifts to Church could they inform the Parish Office (01843) 840777 by Wednesday at the latest. Thank you.

Harvest: It was good to welcome both The Llewellyn School and Birchington CEP School into Church last week to be part of their Harvest celebrations. More to follow in The Parish Magazine.

Parish Magazine:

The October Parish Magazine is now available. 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: Thank you to all who attended.

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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