



## The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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. ***This is a newsletter for our church congregations so please send any notices or events you would like publicised*** to Rev. Mark via email if possible (email address: [priestbmba@gmail.com](mailto:priestbmba@gmail.com)) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

### **SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

#### **Tuesday 21st June:**

10am: Order of Morning Prayer, St Mildred's.

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June (The Second Sunday after Trinity):**

10.30am: Joint Parish Sung Eucharist, St Thomas

#### **READINGS:**

**Eucharist Services:** OT- Psalm 16, 1 Kings 19. 15-16 & 19-end. NT – Galatians 5,1 & 13-25. Gospel - Luke 9,51-end.

#### **The Collect (special prayer for the week):**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **NOTICES:**

Please pray for the following people who need our prayers: Stephen, Penny, Keith, Vera and Peter, James, Thelma, Louisa, Eileen and Derek, Diane, Barbara and Philip, Barbara and Keith, Karrie, Christopher, baby Theo, Michael, Tessa, Pat, Joan, Jill, Janet, Lauren and Hayden. And we pray for all those people suffering with Covid.

Please pray for those who grieve loved ones.

And for Paul and Peache who were married in All Saints' Church yesterday. We pray for them as they start their married life together.

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

**Future events for your diary:** If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let Sara Gower know.

9<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> September: Afternoon Teas.

6<sup>th</sup> August: Boot fair/Jumble Sale at Church House.

20<sup>th</sup> August: BBQ at The Vicarage.

10<sup>th</sup> September: "Last Night at The Proms" at Kearns Hall.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July Quiz Night at Church House at 7.30pm:** (see Parish Magazine for more details or Doug Holmes).

**Songs of Praise and Dedication of the work on the organ:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm at All Saints Church. Further details from Tim.

**Still Waters Sponsored Walk on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Rev Sue and her dog, Lucy, will be walking from Palm Bay to Minnis Bay to raise much needed funds for Still Waters. Please consider sponsoring either Rev Sue or Lucy. Forms for sponsors/donations are available in church.

#### **Friends of the Parish of Birchington:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the concert last night. The FoPB would like to thank Tim Attride for playing such a variety of music on the All Saints organ.

Our next events include a **Parish Breakfast** and a **BBQ** - details to follow.

Anyone wishing to become members of the Friends should contact David Sheekey, Chair, via the secretary [secretary@fopb.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fopb.co.uk). Flyers



and application forms are also available at the back of our churches.

### **OTHER UPDATES:**

**Pastoral Friends Lunch:** A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent lunch. The next lunch will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30pm arrival for 1pm lunch. Rev Mark is also intending to start up a monthly drop in organised by the Pastoral Friends for people who would like to pop in for coffee and a chat. More details to follow.

**School & Church links:** We are going to trial an Intergenerational Project with the school. A small group of children will come to St Thomas Church on Tuesday afternoon (21<sup>st</sup> June) to serve tea, chat and participate in an activity/board game and we are looking for volunteers to be part of this group and meet up with the children in a safe and friendly environment. From September onwards we hope that this will be a regular event in our monthly calendar and if you would like to attend from then onwards, there will be further opportunities to be part of this exciting project.

**'Messy Church' Club:** There were so many children who wanted to attend this club this term that we now have two sessions in the week. Please hold this Club in your prayers.

**Prayer Groups:** As well as the weekly Staff Prayer Group, we now have a Pupil group of about 12 pupils who meet weekly with Rev. Mark to pray.

**Foundation Governors:** Rev. Mark, Loraine and Chris(Hedges) are the Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of Birchington CE Primary School. Chris has decided that after 10 years of exceptional service that he is going to 'retire' from the role at the end of the school year. As a Church Community we thank Chris for all his hard work and dedication to the role – in which he has

been Vice Chair and a Link Governor for Maths, Art and Music. Thank you, Chris, you will be missed.

**Recycling:** We will still receive used crisp packets for the school who will be using them in their craft activities to make blankets for the homeless.

**Ukrainian Invasion:** Please continue to hold the people of Ukraine and in Russia in your prayers. If people wish to make a retiring donation after Sunday services, collection plates are available. Last week another £150 was donated to The British Red Cross.

**Church Buildings:** TDC are still awaiting the results of their faculty applications to the gates. Since having the gates surveyed the faculty has been updated to repair the wear and tear damage to the wall which the gates hang upon. Thank you for your patience. The railings at All Saints' Church: A faculty (special permission) has been applied for at the Diocese for the repainting of the railings. *We have now had to submit photographs as part of our application.* We will keep you updated. Loraine has met with a noticeboard provider. A quote will be available this week. We have put up a **TEMPORARY** notice with updated service times at All Saints before the noticeboards are updated. We apologise about the time it has taken to complete this work.

**Archdeacon Visitations:** on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Rev. Mark accompanied the two elected Churchwardens – Mike and Loraine to the Visitation service in Canterbury Cathedral where they both promised to undertake the role in front of the Archdeacons.

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