



## The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 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. 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 Rev Mark preferably via email on the new email address: [birchnewsletter5@gmail.com](mailto:birchnewsletter5@gmail.com) by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

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

##### **Tuesday 9th August:**

10.00am: Order of Morning Prayer, St Mildred's.

##### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August (The Ninth Sunday after Trinity) Proper 15:**

10.30am – Morning Prayer, St Thomas'

10.30am – Sung Eucharist, All Saints'

##### **Eucharist, Morning Prayer and All Age Services Readings (Proper 15):**

OT- Isaiah 5. 1-7; Psalm 80,1-2, 9-the end or 80.9 to the end); Jeremiah 23.23-29. NT – Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Gospel – Luke 12. 49- 56.

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

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **NOTICES:**

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

Please pray for those who grieve loved ones.

Please consider the Foodbank in Birchington as part of your giving – they especially need tinned items, tinned fruit, instant custard, and Angel

Delight/Instant Whip. There are collection baskets and boxes in all our three churches. When it comes to our Harvest Festival, we will ask again which items the Foodbank needs and appeal for those foods and toiletries.

We need volunteers to take food and other items (e.g. toiletries) to the foodbank on Thursday mornings please. Many thanks.

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Table Top Sale in Church Hose yesterday morning. We will announce the money raised as soon as possible.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August: BBQ at The Vicarage, 12.30pm to 3pm. Please contact Mark or Loraine directly or sign up at the back of church – NB places are limited.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: "Last Night at The Proms" at Kearns Hall. 6.45pm for a prompt 7.15pm start. Please contact Kath on 07957846230. Price £5.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Afternoon Tea in Kearns Hall. Further details forthcoming.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Coffee Morning hosted by Rev. Mark. Further details forthcoming.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 - Parish Fayre – please do put this date in your diary now. We are looking for helpers to plan this event – speak to Rev. Mark, Sara or Loraine.



**Art Exhibition:** All Saints Art Group at Church House. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Open 10am to 4pm. Free entry and parking.

**Friends of the Parish of Birchington presents:**

An evening talk by Peter Russell titled  
'Our Island Church'

**1900 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
in All Saints Church**

Come along to this multimedia presentation telling the story of All Saints Church and its Christian setting. Cost = £5.00 pp. Refreshments will be available. To book contact me at [secretary@fopb.org](mailto:secretary@fopb.org) or sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches.

**OTHER UPDATES:**

**Pastoral Friends Lunches:** The next lunch will be on **Friday 19th August** 12.30pm arrival for 1pm lunch. – IN KEARNS HALL – see/ring Maureen for a place.

We now intend to hold a lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.

Rev Mark has started up a **monthly drop in** organised by the Pastoral Friends for people who would like to pop in for coffee and have chat. The next meeting will be in Church House on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am**. The coffee mornings will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Our Pastoral Friends will be commissioned at our Joint Eucharist Service at St Thomas Church at 10.30am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Please hold them in your prayers.**

**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. The total donated so far by our congregations is **£2,436.70**.

**Children's Society Money Boxes:** Please can you return your money boxes to Sara anytime during August.

**Church Buildings:** Unfortunately, our contact at TDC is on sick leave and we will have to await her return to find out about 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 are checking the status of our faculty applications with the Diocese as we are aware of backlogs because of staffing changes. We will keep you updated. A faculty application has been completed for the Boards so the work can commence as soon as this is granted. We have put up a **TEMPORARY** notice with updated service times at All Saints before the noticeboards are updated.

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