



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington Sunday 26th March 2023

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 email address: birchnewsletter5@gmail.com by **5pm on Wednesdays**. Thank you.

Services for Palm Sunday:

8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
10.30am: All-Age Service, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Sung Eucharist at St Thomas Church.

Tuesday 28th March: Office of Morning Prayer, St Mildred's Church.

The BCP Collect (special prayer for the week):

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings:

NT: Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.1-54.

The Common Worship Collect (special prayer for the week) for Palm Sunday:

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings for Palm Sunday:

Liturgy of the Palms:

OT: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end [or 118.19-24].
NT: Matthew 21.1-11.

Liturgy of the Passion:

OT: Psalm 31.9-16 [or 31.9-18]; Isaiah 50.4-9a.
NT: Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-end of 27.

NOTICES:

Please pray for the following people who need our prayers: Thelma and Louisa, Peter; Brigitte, Jackie, Wendy, Clare, Jane, Clive, Ronald, Ben, Stephen, Vera and Peter, Keith, James, Derek, Michael, Pat and Lucy and family.

Rest in peace: Pam whose funeral is on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 10.45am at Thanet Crematorium.

We pray for the school as they prepare to break-up for their Easter holidays.

We pray for all those people suffering with and recovering from Covid.

Parochial Church Council: A summary of the PCC meeting will be available in churches by next Sunday (2nd April).

Lent Lunches and Coffee Mornings:

Dates for the Lent Lunches and Coffee Mornings are published in the Parish Magazine. There is a Coffee Morning (tomorrow) on Monday 27th March at 10.30am at the home of Tessa and Bob Hinge.

Intergenerational Club:

The next gathering is on **Thursday 20th April at 3.15pm at St Thomas Church**. If anyone would like to join us you will be warmly welcomed. Please speak to Loraine if interested.



Breakfast Time:

This initiative continues to flourish and during the week commencing 20th March we have served between 38 and 44 people. If you would like to volunteer or donate please speak to Loraine.

Fun Singing for Wellbeing:

We are pleased to announce that at St Thomas Church we will be piloting this event to gauge interest. Gatherings will be on the following dates: Monday 24th April; Monday 15th May and Monday 22nd May from 1.45pm to 3pm. There will also be time for chat and a cuppa! If interested, please phone Gemma on 07985 219280.

Syrian/Turkish Earthquake Disaster and Ukraine:

Donations are invited for the DEC to help support the victims of this disaster. Collections will be taken during the six weeks of Lent.

Donations are still invited to help the victims of the Ukrainian war and collection plates are available for both of these charities at the back of all three churches.

Puzzle Club: If you are interested in joining please speak to Tessa Hinge on (01843) 842416.

The Storehouse:

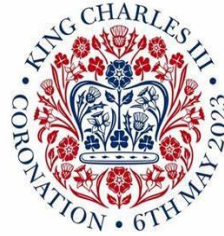
Please consider The Storehouse in Birchington as part of your regular giving – there are boxes in all three of our churches.

Can you offer a lift to church?

Did you know that there are people in our congregations who need a lift to church on Sundays or our social events? If you can help, please sign one of the sheets at the back of our three churches.

OTHER EVENTS:

Fundraising events for 2023: If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let Sara Gower know. A programme of events was confirmed at the Parish Fundraising Group which met last week and will be available on Sunday 2nd April.



King's Coronation Celebrations:

A 'Coronation Quiz' run by Doug will be held on Saturday 29th April at Church House at 7.30pm. If interested please speak to Doug. There will be a **joint Eucharist Service at All Saints Church** on Sunday 7th May at 10.30am followed by a **'Bring and Share' lunch** in Church House from 12.30pm.

'Tea in a Box':

As part of the Volunteering Day on Monday 8th May, we are going to provide afternoon tea in a decorative box. We intend to offer sandwiches, savouries and a slice of cake with the possibility of a small bottle of prosecco. If you would like to nominate someone to receive our "Tea in a Box" please provide details to Rev Mark, Loraine, Margaret Hawkins or Maureen Hudson.

OTHER UPDATES:

Pastoral Friends Lunches: The next lunch will be on **Friday 21st April 2023** at Kearns Hall. 12.30pm arrival for 1pm lunch – see or phone Maureen for a place on 07802 804134.. Our next coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 28th March at 11.00am in Church House.** All are very welcome!

Coffee Mornings at St Thomas Church: There is a coffee morning every Friday from 10.30am. All welcome.

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