



The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 1st March 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 to Mia, preferably via email (parishclerkasb@gmail.com) by 5pm on Wednesdays.*** Thank you.

Today's (Sunday 1st) Services:

8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 2: Sunday 8th March – The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Morning Prayer, St Thomas Church.
10:30am: Junior Church, Church House.

How's the Lenten journey?

Why don't you try a midweek service:

Morning Prayer in All Saints in St. Margaret Chapel: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9am. All are welcome.

"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.

A Prayer for Lent

Lord of the wilderness
In these forty days, lead
us into the quiet.
Let the clamour of our desires fall away
like leaves in the wind.
Teach us to walk the narrow path
knowing your presence through prayer
Break the stones of our stubborn hearts
and plant the seeds of compassion and grace
At the end of this desert road,
let us not only find the cross
but the dawn beyond
Where light spills from an empty tomb
and love has the final word.

Common Worship Bible Readings (8th March)

OT: Psalm 95; Exodus 17.1-7.
NT: Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42.

Common Worship Collect (8th March)

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who show them love and care: Josie, Tim and Sue, Ian, Susan, Bailey, John, Chris, Danney and family, Phil, Paul, Mark, Rev. David N., Ann, Ted, Rev. David R., Paul R., and Stephen.

RIP: Sylvia Whitlock. Please pray for Hazel, David, and her family and friends.

RIP: Audrey. Please pray for her family and friends.

RIP: Roger. Please pray for Carla and family.

This week we pray for emergency services. We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered. **After Easter we will renew our prayer list.** Please give names to Mia, Mark or Loraine. Thank you.

NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Reporting Back from the PCC

A briefing paper from the most recent PCC meeting in January 2026 is in the folders at the back of Church.

Lent Groups

Details of both the Spirituality Group and the BCT course are in the Parish Magazine.

Supper Club

This gathering is very well attended, and if anyone would like to make donations of apple juice and biscuits they would be greatly appreciated.



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Lent Birchington Churches Together Soup Lunches

All lunches are at 12:00pm for 12:30pm on Tuesdays unless stated otherwise:

- 3rd March: The Bay United Reformed Church.
- 10th March: Church House.
- Wed 18th March: Catholic Church.
- 24th March: Baptist Church.

To book, contact Margaret by phone/email or when at church: 01843 840878 or 07899948373, or margaret.hawkins7@btinternet.com

Birchington Silver Band: Music for the Steeple

Sunday 29th March 2026 2:30pm-4:30pm, All Saints Church. Free entry, but donations are welcomed to raise funds for the Church's steeple.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 2026 at 10:30am, Garlinge Methodist Church, or 7pm at New Life Family Church, Margate.

Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings in Church House at 11:00am – **Tuesday 24th March** and **14th April**. There will be no coffee morning on Tuesday 10th March due to the BCT Lent Soup Lunch. All welcome.

The next Pastoral Friends Lunch is on **Friday 20th March** in Kearns Hall – 12:30pm gather for 1pm lunch. Please contact Maureen on 07802 804134 to book and **let us know if you have any special dietary requirements in writing**.

The Storehouse

Please consider the Storehouse in Birchington as part of your regular giving. There are boxes in all churches.

Lifts to Church or Church Events

If anyone would like a lift to Church services or events (e.g Pastoral Friends Coffee Mornings), please contact Rev. Mark or Loraine.

This month's Puzzle Club is on the 19th March, between 10:30am-12:30pm at 23 St Mildred's Avenue. If attendance doesn't approve, we may discontinue the group, so please come along if you're interested!

REMINDERS

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.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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