The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 25th 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 4: Today's (Sunday 25th October) Services – Bible Sunday:
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Junior Church, Church House.

A Thought for the Week from the Scriptures in Three Sentences:
Matthew 5:5 — Jesus teaches that the meek will inherit the earth.
Thought: Meekness is a kind of gentle strength. Resist the urge to dominate. God honours gentleness more than power.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 1: Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Sunday:
8.00am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.
10.30am: Junior Church, Church House.
3pm: A Service to Remember Ones, All Saints Church. Tea and coffee served in Church House after the service.

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 (All Saints' Day):
O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings:
Revelation 7.2-12; Matthew 5.1-12.

Common Worship Collect (All Saints' Day):
God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings:
OT: Psalm 34.1-10.
NT: Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12.

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

Please pray for a just and peaceful conclusion to the Ukrainian War.

We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.

Prayer for the Week:
God of all truth,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word. As we celebrate Bible Sunday, help us to hear your voice in the Scriptures, to grow in faith and understanding, and to follow more closely the way of Christ. Through the power of your Spirit, may your word shape our lives and guide our church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation:
Four candidates are preparing for Confirmation. Please pray as they prepare.

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NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: Poppies are available at the back of Church. Please support this worthwhile cause.

CAMEO: We will be meeting on 12th November at 15 Dane Road to hear a talk given my Carol Frost and Mike Little on their travels in New Zealand. The meeting will start at 2.30pm and will end with refreshments and fellowship. Deidre.

The Vicarage Christmas Coffee Morning – Wednesday 16th December from 10am to 12 noon. Rev Mark's Open house for coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake. All welcome. Sign-up sheets will be at the back of church soon.

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

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 – **27th October and 10th November.**

Pastoral Friends Lunches: The next lunch will be on **20th November**. Gather in Kearns Hall for 12.30pm for a 1pm lunch. **The menu will be pasta bake followed by cheesecake**. If you would like to attend for an enjoyable lunch and fellowship please contact Loraine by **Wednesday 18th November**. This will assist the cooks with the shopping of provisions and preparation and reduce any waste.

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.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 7th November from 10am to 12.30pm in Church House. Please contact Sara Gower (e-mail: sara.gower@btinternet.com). Items gratefully received for the tombola and to offer for sale from the Church table.

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.

Christmas Sing-a-Long: Saturday 28th November at 4.30pm at All Saints Church. Come and sing with Christmas cheer. Refreshments and mince pies available!

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