The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 1st November 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 1: Today's (Sunday 1st November) Services – 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.

A Thought for the Week from the Scriptures in Three Sentences:
Micah 4:1–5
Thought: God shows a world shaped by His peace. People come together to learn His ways and leave conflict behind. This week, look for one opportunity to choose peace, kindness, and hope.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 2: Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday:
9.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints' Church.
10.45am: Service of Remembrance at The Square (if weather is inclement, All Saints Church).
4pm: Evensong, All Saints Church.

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.

Common Worship Collect (Remembrance Sunday):
O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings:
OT: Micah 4.1-5
NT: Romans 8.31-end; 1 Corinthians 15.50-end and Luke 21.5-19.

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 the work of the Royal British Legion.

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

Prayer for the Week:
Loving God, draw us into your ways and teach us to walk in your paths. Turn our hearts from fear and division and make us instruments of your peace. Help us to trust in your promises and to live each day in the hope of your coming kingdom; 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

Church House Keyholders: If anyone goes into the Parish Office after normal business hours please can you switch off the lights and photocopier as you leave. Thanks.

Blankets in Church: The church heating has now been switched on but there are blankets available at the back of church for anyone who still feels cold.

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 – **10th and 24th 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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