

The Parish of All Saints', Birchington

Sunday 8th 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 2: Today's (Sunday 8th November):
Services – 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.

A Thought for the Week from the Scriptures in Three Sentences:
Matthew 11:28: Jesus gives rest to the weary and burdened.
Thought: Rest is a gift. Receive it without guilt. Let Christ lighten what you carry.

Next Week's Services: WEEK 3: Sunday 15th November 2026 – The Second Sunday Before Advent:
8am: Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion, All Saints Church.
9.30am for 10am – Breakfast followed by "Family Together Celebration", Church House Hall.
10.30am: Sung Eucharist, All Saints Church.

Morning Prayer in All Saints: There will be no services on MONDAY and THURSDAY of this week but services continue for the rest of the week. **"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 (The Second Sunday Before Advent):
O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

BCP Bible Readings:
NT: Colossians 1.3-12; Matthew 9.18-26.

Common Worship Collect (The Second Sunday Before Advent):
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship Bible Readings:
OT:Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11], 12 [or 90.1-8];
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end.
NT: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30.

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, Bill and Jo.

Please pray for all those who are lonely, grieving or struggling.
We give thanks to God for all prayers that have been answered.

In Memoriam: Ruth Burt who passed from this life on 5th November 2025.

Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, when we are weary and burdened, help us to come to you. Teach us to rest in your love and trust in your care. Renew our strength this week, that we may walk in your peace and serve you with joy. Amen.



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NEW & UPDATED FEATURES & EVENTS

Birchington CEP Head Teacher: It is with sadness that we inform you that Louise Wilson has resigned as Head Teacher and will be leaving her post at Christmas for personal reasons. Our relationship with the School continued to thrive under her leadership and we offer Louise and her family our prayers and best wishes for the future. Work has begun on appointing Louise's successor and so please pray for Rev Mark and Loraine and Governors involved in this process.

Parish Administrator: We did make an appointment subject to satisfactory references and DBS Clearance but sadly the successful candidate has accepted another employment opportunity.

CAMEO: We will be meeting on 12th November at 15 Dane Road to hear a talk given by 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. Deirdre.

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

Christmas Fair: Thank you to all who attended and supported this fundraising event.

Recycling: Biscuit wrapper collections will cease from 30th November.

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.

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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