



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THANET

### Alpha - Sam's Story

An ambitious actor, Sam's life in New York entailed drinking, partying, and constant rejections from auditions. Feeling like a failure, he moved to Portland, where he found a new community. He also found a stage romance, but Christianity stood in the way. Sam's assumption was that the Christian faith was intolerant and oppressive, but he decided to explore more and find out for himself.

He then found Alpha and had an amazing transformation. To watch Sam's full story visit: [story.alpha.org](http://story.alpha.org)

### Why not start your amazing story?

We begin Alpha in the new year with our online version starting on Tuesday, 21st January at 7.45pm. To register your interest & enable us to send you the zoom link please email [thanet@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thanet@rcaos.org.uk) or visit our website: [holyfamilythanet.org.uk](http://holyfamilythanet.org.uk). Please, also encourage your family and friends to try Alpha.

### Invitation to Youth Ministry Training - Saturday, 8th February, 10am - 5pm

As a parish, we are stepping into engaging young people of secondary school going age in our parish and the local community.

An expert in youth ministry will come here to offer training for adults who would like to support this ministry as leaders.

Everyone one is invited to this training session. The information provided will be helpful in many ways even if you feel you are not called to working with young people. .

If you can attend, please inform the office via email or phone by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please let us know since lunch will be provided.

### Christian Unity Week - Birchington Churches Together

This year we will be hosting the United Service at the end of Christian Unity Week on Sunday, 26th January at 3pm. It will be lovely to welcome visitors to the church and provide hospitality after the service. Please note the date and come along.

Details of the services held at other churches within the group will be shared when they are confirmed.

### Parish Bereavement

Sadly we announce the death of our parishioner, Elizabeth Mitchell, RIP. Funeral arrangements will be communicated when they are confirmed.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul.

### Funeral Arrangements - Sr Margaret Devine, Daughters of Jesus, RIP

The funeral arrangements are confirmed as follows:

Wednesday, 22nd January at 12 noon - Holy Family - Thanet

All are welcome to attend.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul.

### Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration - Saturday, 7th June

As a parish we will attend the celebration at The Friars, Aylesford. This celebration is for the Holy Year, Pentecost and the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Make sure you add the event to your diary. More details will follow nearer the time.

Sunday, 5th January 2025

### Saturday 4th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Vigil 6pm**

*Deceased Sisters of the Daughters of Jesus*

### Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Mass 8.30am**

*Holy Souls*

**Mass 10.30am**

*Dennis How, RIP*

### Tuesday 7th January

Feria of Christmas Time

**Mass 6pm**

*Vera & Bill Handley, RIP*

### Wednesday 8th January

Feria of Christmas Time

**Mass 10am**

*Christina Collins, RIP*

### Thursday 9th January

Feria of Christmas Time

**Mass 8am**

*People of the Parish*

### Friday 10th January

Feria of Christmas Time

**Mass 10am**

*Ian Bishop, RIP*

### Saturday 11th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Vigil 6pm**

*Holy Souls*

### Sunday 12th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Mass 8.30am**

*Holy Souls*

**Mass 10.30am**

*The Sick Members of the UCM*

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