

The Parish of St Andrew's, Reading Street

Prayer Diary

November 2025

***Prayer lies at the heart of the Christian life.
God promises to hear us and to respond when we pray.***

Wed 26th *'Be still and know that I am God'.* Psalm 46 v.10

Gracious God, when our cries seem unheeded, when no effort bears fruit, when the sun sets, help us to be still.

Thu 27th When You lived on earth, Lord Jesus, You healed the sick. We pray for people in our community who have suddenly been diagnosed with cancer or a similar disease. Thank You that you use medical research to bring healing today. Please make treatment effective for our friends and use our prayers for them as well.

Fri 28th *'But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace'.* (Psalm 37.11)
The meek are those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on the goodness and grace of God and allow themselves no arrogance towards others. Keep us meek, Lord! Save us from exalting ourselves!

Sat 29th We pray for the Christmas Fayre taking place next month; pray for good weather and support from the local community.

Sun 30th **ST ANDREW'S DAY:** Our Patron Saint has always been a great example of the type of person Jesus is looking for in His followers today - friendly, approachable and looking for opportunities to introduce others to their Master. Pray that our service this evening and the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights may be meaningful, spiritually uplifting and also a time when people on the edge of the church see our Faith lived out in a real and attractive manner.

Thank you for reading and using our prayer diary, we hope you found it helpful. We would welcome your feedback. If there is any topic you would like included in a future diary, please telephone the Church Office on 609513, or call in between 10 -12 noon Monday to Friday

Sat 1st **All Saints Day:** Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Saints who have gone before us, leaving an example to inspire us.

Sun 2nd We pray for those who will attend services today at St Andrew's, at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 6.30 pm.

Mon 3rd As another school week begins, pray for the staff and pupils of St Peter's Junior School and Callis Grange school. Some, young and old, face problems which seem insurmountable. God knows, and He is able to do the impossible. May eyes turn in faith to Him during this week!

Tue 4th Lord, may we rise this morning feeling your warmth embracing us, conscious of your love forgiving us and knowing your peace within us. In all we do and in all we say may our lives this day and all days reflect the beauty of you.

Wed 5th We thank God for the recent large gathering for our Harvest Thanksgiving and the children who played an enthusiastic part. Prompt them to come back, Lord, and richly bless our services.

Thu 6th Merciful Lord, thank You for the services of the NHS in our county. Bless all who are involved in the care of the sick, particularly as cutbacks have their effect. We too are grateful for the continuing personal touch in our small communities.

Fri 7th Lord Jesus Christ, when You were on earth You had a special concern for those people who were overlooked by others. Help us Lord to care for everyone in need!

Sat 8th Statistics tell us that one in eight older, lonely people worry about their mental health because they have no-one to talk to. Who needs to talk to me today? Prompt me, Lord.

Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday

Almighty God, may this service today be meaningful to each person, young and old, who attends. May there be a positive looking forward as well as remembrance.

Mon 10th Jesus said, *'When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.'* (Matt.6.6). What a wonderful gift prayer is! Lord, give us a fresh glimpse of that wonder!

Tue 11th Remembrance Day

Pray for Philip and Michael as they lead the service of Remembrance at Maurice House this morning.

Wed 12th Creator God, thank You for the fun and enjoyment which the Wednesday Mums and Toddlers and the Women's Group offers each week. Bless each person who comes and be particularly near to those who may otherwise be lonely. Thank You for friendship and fellowship.

Thu 13th To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, *'If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples.'* John 8 v.31.

What we say shows whether we are genuine followers of Jesus - and people are well able to discern this! That may be a scary thought! If it is, help us to take action, Lord, and to let You put things right in my life. Pray too for David Roper's licensing service at Canterbury Cathedral this morning.

Fri 14th Compassionate Lord, place Your loving arms around us as we face the winter ahead. Keep everyone safe and warm, and free from worry and stress as the days shorten.

Sat 15th Weekends offer some families the opportunity to spend quality time together. Those who miss out on this can so easily be resentful. Help us, dear Lord, to pray imaginatively for families today and through this weekend.

Sun 16th As darkness comes ever earlier and the cold may intensify, remember those who spend long hours ensuring that our roads and pavements are as safe as possible for us. If we have the chance to encourage them with a grateful smile or a word of thanks, may we be prompted to do that. It costs us nothing but they save lives.

Mon 17th Pray for Philip as he serves as Chair of the Churches Together in Broadstairs, and Birgit Wilson as Secretary.

Tue 18th Merciful God, keep us safe and considerate as we travel around, particularly as road conditions can be uncertain. Comfort those who have lost loved ones in tragic accidents in our County.

Wed 19th PCC meet this evening. We pray that all decisions made may be for the spiritual health of our congregation and the extension of God's Kingdom in our community.

Thu 20th Every week we seem to hear of another person diagnosed with cancer. Merciful Lord, comfort them and their families. Thank You for the wonderful support of the Macmillan and Marie Curie Nurses. Strengthen and help these nurses and each person for whom they care.

Fri 21st Prayer is not simply asking God for the pleasant things we desire, but an earnest yearning for the will of God, be it sweet or bitter. Show me Your will for me today, Lord!

Sat 22nd Jesus answered (the tempter), *'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'* Matt. 4 .4. We know very well that we must constantly rely on God for our spiritual feeding. Prepare our minds and hearts for tomorrow's service, dear Lord.

Sun 23rd *'Faith comes through hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.'* Romans 10 v.17

Pray that in our church and in all churches today the Word of Christ, the Gospel, might be heard and understood as Christ speaks His message through His chosen messengers.

Mon 24th *'Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful'.* Joshua 1 v.8

This is good teaching for leaders - vital for a successful ministry - but good too for those of us who seek to be faithful followers of Jesus.

Tue 25th *'Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth'.* John 17 v.17

In this part of His High Priestly prayer, Jesus is praying for His Disciples and through the work of His Spirit in us, we are privileged to stand in that fellowship. Jesus prays that we will be sealed and changed by the truth that leads to salvation.