

	<p>St Andrew's, Reading Street</p> <p><i>One family, with Christ at the centre, welcoming all!</i></p> <p>7th December 2025 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></p>
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Verse of the Week:

“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance”.

Psalm 32:7–8

Parcel Sunday

Today there will be a table at the back of the church and in the hall with wrapped, “mystery”, fun parcels for you to purchase as a surprise gift for Christmas. These will be £1 each, and proceeds will go to Mission Action.

Christmas Fayre

Next Saturday is the day! We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre starting at 11.00 am and finishing at 2.00 pm. Help will be gratefully received with setting up on Friday from 9.00 am, and clearing away after the event on Saturday afternoon. Please support. Raffle tickets are still on sale, available from the back of the church and office. Please only take what you are able to sell, and return stubs and monies as soon as possible.

Christmas Celebration concert

The Christmas Celebration concert will be taking place at 2.30 pm on this Wednesday, 10th December 2025, in the church, organised by Liz Diggins, and this will be a programme of readings, carols and songs, and community carols hosted by the Serenaders choir. There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds. ***Please come and support!***

Processional CP 26 *"Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding..."*

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Isaiah 11: 1-10 p. 697 read by Richard Collins
Romans 15: 4-13 p. 1141

Gradual CP 33 *"O Day of God, draw nigh..."*

Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12 p. 967

Intercessions led by Simon Kemp.

Offertory CP 34 *"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry..."*

Anthem *"Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants..."*

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 277 *"All for Jesus, all for Jesus ..."*

Please remember in your prayers

Marian Cleverly, John Cornish, Susan Honnor, Jackie Steele.

From the Book of Remembrance

Paul Bennett, Marjorie Brownings, Phyllis Morrison, Bill Price.

This Week: Monday 8th Dec. to Sunday 14th Dec.

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study.
	7:30 pm	Michael's Zoom Bible Study.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group.
	1.45 pm	Women's Group

Dates for your Diary:

Mon	8 th Dec.	Holly Wreath workshop.
Wed	10 th Dec.	Christmas Celebration concert: 2.30 pm in church.
Sat	13 th Dec.	St Andrew's Christmas Fayre.
Thu	18 th Dec.	Christmas Coffee Morning - 10.30am to 12.00 pm.

Mission Christmas Dinner - Friday 19th December 2025

As you know this year's Christmas Dinner will be at The Racing Greyhound on Friday 19th December, 1.00pm for 1.30pm.

There is a varied choice of menu with two courses for £25.95 and three at £31.95. Forms are available at the back of the church.

If you would like to join us, tomorrow **Monday (8th December)** will be the last day to book your place.

Any queries please contact us on 01843 591605/07903 817185.

Clive

Thanet Food Link

In November Thanet Food Link fed 629 people including 226 children and young people. This is a slight increase on October's figures as might be expected at this time of year. The reasons for asking for help don't vary month on month, being benefits issues, often delays in sorting out entitlement, and low income.

With the weather turning wintry, soup is a good standby being a versatile item. It can become a meal with bread, or a sauce to add to vegetables for a stew. As always, thank you for your support.

Jenny Matterface

Christingle

Our annual Christingle service will take place at St Andrew's Church at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 24th December 2025. For health and safety reasons, the event will be ticketed to ensure we do not exceed our safety limit. Tickets are available online at our website (see back page), or from the office during normal office hours. Tickets are going fast, so don't delay and be disappointed!

Churches Together Carol Singing

Please come and join Churches Together Carol Singing on Thursday, 11th December 2025 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Tesco Extra, Broadstairs. We will be singing together with all the other churches in Broadstairs and St Peters.

Christmas Tree donations

Names of loved ones that you wish to remember over the Christmas period can still be added to the list at the back of the church. Donations can still be made for Mission Action.

Christmas Coffee Morning

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Thursday 18th December from 10.30-12.00pm at the home of Phil and Di Springett (54 Beacon Road, St Peters) in aid of Mission Action. All welcome to come!

Prayer diary

The December prayer diary is available from the back of the church.

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