



## **St Andrew's, Reading Street**

*One family, with Christ at  
the centre, welcoming all!*

*21st December  
2025  
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

### **Verse of the Week:**

**"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid. For the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation".**

**Isaiah 12:2**

### **Christingle**

Seats for the service on Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm are now fully allocated.

**\*\* Help is requested for Christingle making in the Community Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December starting at 1.00 pm - mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas music and a lovely atmosphere provided! Please come and support! \*\***

### **8.00 am Communion services**

As Philip will be away on holiday, there will be no 8.00 am Said Communion services on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 or 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Processional** CP 24 *"Come, thou long-expected Jesus..."*

**Collect** God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings** Isaiah 7: 10-16 p. 692 read by Graham Silsbury  
Romans 1: 1-7 p. 1128

**Gradual** CP 38 *"The people that in darkness sat."* (omit v3)

**Gospel** Matthew 1: 18-end p. 965

**Intercessions** led by John Vince.

**Offertory** CP 607 *"Thy kingdom come, O God..."*

**Anthem** *"My God, and is thy table spread..."*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Recessional** CP 41 *"A great and mighty wonder ..."*

## **Please remember in your prayers**

Marian Cleverley, John Cornish, Susan Honnor, Clive Jackson, Jackie Steele.

## **From the Book of Remembrance**

Roy Burton, Lyn Downs, Paul Everest, Charles Fox, Christine Taylor.

## **This Week: Monday 22nd Dec. to Sunday 28th Dec.**

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study resumes on 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.2025.
	7:30 pm	Michael's Bible Study resumes on 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group restarts in January 2026.
	1.45 pm	Women's Group restarts in New Year.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Sun	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Nativity play by Junior Church – after 10.00 am service.
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	Christingle-making from 1.00 pm Community Hall.
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christingle service – 3.00 pm. Entry by ticket.
		Midnight Communion service – 11.30 pm.
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Family Communion service.
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Communion service.

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## **Thanet Food Link**

From Heather, Thanet Food Link coordinator:

Thank you so much for all the support you give to Thanet Food Link, both through food donations, financial donations and prayers. Our numbers have been fairly consistent over the last couple of years, with rises over the winter when money is needed more for heating and lighting and then lower over the Summer.

However, I'm writing this after a Monday distribution at St Paul's where we gave out over 100 bags of food in that one session. We haven't experienced numbers like this for a couple of years so things must be getting tough again. It's wonderful to have people like you all supporting us to meet this need. Thank you.

## Christmas and New Year arrangements

- The office will be closed from 12.00 midday on Christmas Eve until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. During this period the office will be monitored for mail, telephone messages and email.
- There will be no newsletter published for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025; the next newsletter will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## Christmas Fayre

I am pleased to report that latest figure for the Christmas Fayre after all expenses is currently £3,796, with some further money still to be received. Congratulations and thanks to all who have contributed. *Richard.*



### Christmas Coffee Morning



Many thanks go to Di and Phil Springett who hosted a Christmas Coffee morning at their home in support of Mission Action on Thursday. Good fellowship and good food and drink were enjoyed by a good number of people, and the event raised £130 for MISSION ACTION funds.

## Prayer diary

The December prayer diary is available from the back of the church.  
The January prayer diary will be available from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

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