



St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

8th February 2026

***Second Sunday
before Lent***

Verse of the Week:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Lent course 2026.

This year's Lent course is an 8-week course on the topic of "Mission" and will continue on this Tuesday 10th Feb. in church at 11.00 am until 12.00 midday. From next Tuesday 17th Feb., the course will be in the Community Hall, and will be followed by a simple lunch. If you intend to come, please put your names on the list at the back of the church.

Church Cards

Please look at the cards we have on sale, all cards are ONLY 50p. There is a good selection of Birthday cards, Mothering Sunday, and Easter cards - all monies go to Church Funds.

Clive Jackson

As you may be aware, Clive Jackson sadly passed away on the 22nd January. His funeral service will be on Monday 23rd February at St. Andrews Church beginning at 11.00 am, and afterwards at North Foreland Golf Club. Donations please to Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

Processional CP 253 *"For the beauty of the earth..."*

Collect Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 p. 3 read by Darren Ball
Romans 8: 18-25 p. 1135

Gradual CP 174 *"Breathe on me, Breath of God..."*

Gospel Matthew 6: 25-end. p. 971

Intercessions led by Birgit Wilson.

Offertory CP 478 *"In heavenly love abiding..."*

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 453 *"Great is thy faithfulness..."*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Marian Cleverley, John Cornish, Fred Flood, Pam Hughes, Eileen Roach, Jackie Steele.

From the Book of Remembrance

Norman Chidley, Annie Hackney, Margaret Hamilton, Sophy Hollingworth.

This Week: Monday 9th Feb. to Sunday 15th Feb.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 22nd Feb Songs for a Sunday Afternoon – 3.00 – 5.00 CHORUS!

Thanet Food Link

January saw a slight drop in demand possibly due to the relaunch of the government's Household Support Fund which gives a £90 one-off voucher to eligible applicants. This can be used in most supermarkets and is very welcome in January. Current needs in the warehouse are cereal or cereal bars, baked beans, soup, tea and coffee. Thank you. *Jenny Matterface*

Ambassadors for UK Guiding fundraising concert -

Thanet Male Voice Choir and Trinity Graduates choir will be holding a concert on Saturday 14th March 2026 at 7.30pm at St Andrews Church, Reading Street, in aid of Ambassadors for UK Guiding's fundraising for three Guiding members of our YPaSTA group. If you are interested in attending and supporting them, tickets are £8 and available from simon.wendholt@btinternet.com, 07794 828943.

Mugs

HELP please, have you any mugs at home that we can have to sell in readiness for our EASTER gift sales table. Thank you in advance.

Prayer diary

The February 2026 prayer diary is available from the back of the church.

Open Gardens 2026

We are planning to hold another Reading Street Open Gardens event on Saturday 4th July and are looking for more gardeners to take part. Your garden can be any shape or size, large or small, but must be within 10/15 minutes walking distance of the Church. If you are interested, we need to know as soon as possible, and before the deadline of 14th February. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Owen linbob@btinternet.com and we look forward to hearing from you. *Linda*

Our Prayer Tree

The Mission Committee have been considering ways to make prayer more accessible. As part of this we have installed a small prayer tree at the back of church. The idea is that both members of our community and visitors can write short prayers on leaves and hang them on to the tree. There are no rules about what to write: you might (for example) want to pray for a specific person or pet, an answer to a difficult situation or a particular part of the world. Prayers can include names or be completely anonymous, and will be read out as part of the intercessions where appropriate.

Songs for a Sunday Afternoon

Our lovely choir, CHORUS!, are coming to give you a Sunday afternoon concert on 22nd February, 3.00 – 5.00. It will be a varied programme of modern songs, African and folk songs, interspersed with some poems. No tickets are required but there will be a retiring collection with the money going to Mission Action, supporting three charities. Please come and support the choir's efforts and enjoy a pleasant, post Sunday lunch, afternoon of song.

Contacts

St Andrew's Church Office
Telephone 01843 609513
offstand@btinternet.com
Office hours 10:00 – 12:00
Monday to Friday

Vicar:

Reverend Philip Musindi
Telephone: 07806 964756

Churchwardens:

Jenny Lambert
Telephone: 07926 043609.
Susan Flory
Telephone: 07974 037142

www.st-andrews-reading-street.org.uk