



St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

**22nd February
2026
First Sunday
of Lent**

Verse of the Week:

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Welcome

Today, as our guest speaker, we welcome Alan Hare of the Daylight Prison Trust to address us at our 10.00 am service. We look forward to his message.

Songs for a Sunday Afternoon

Our lovely choir, CHORUS!, are coming to give you a Sunday afternoon concert on this Sunday, from 3.00 – 5.00. 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.

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.

Lent course 2026.

The Lent course will continue on this Tuesday 24th February, and will be in the Community Hall, and will be followed by a Lenten lunch. If you intend to join the course, please inform the Church office.

Processional CP 95 *"Forty days and forty nights..."*

Collect Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Genesis 2: 15-17,3: 1-7 p. 4 read by Maureen Daley.
Romans 5: 12-19 p. 1132

Gradual CP 108 *"Glory be to Jesus..."*

Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11 p. 967

Intercessions led by John Vince.

Offertory CP 96 *"Jesu, lover of my soul..."*

Anthem *"Remember, O thou man..."*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 421 *"Father of heaven..."*

Please remember in your prayers

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

From the Book of Remembrance

Gemma Fitzsimmons, Monica Kemp, Ben Mitchell.

This Week: Monday 23rd Feb. to Sunday 1st March.

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	22 nd Feb	Songs for a Sunday Afternoon – 3.00 – 5.00 CHORUS!
Sat	28 th Feb	Confirmation at St Luke's Church – 5.00 pm.
Sat	4 th July	Reading Street Open Gardens.

Taizé service

There will be a Taizé service at 6.30 pm next Sunday, 1st March 2026. All welcome to attend this reflective and calm service.

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.

Richard Taylor

The funeral of Richard Taylor will take place at St Peter's Church at 11.30 am on Friday 6th March 2026; all welcome to attend to support Veronica and her family.

Confirmation

Six members of St Andrew's congregation will be confirmed by Bishop Rose at St Luke's Church in Ramsgate on Saturday 28th February at 5.00 pm. You are asked to hold these candidates in your thoughts and prayers during the coming week, and all are welcome to attend the service and support these candidates: *Darren Ball, Marcia De Oliveira Felisberto, Autumn George, Vanessa Baxter, Jasper Mummery, and Robert Cooper.*

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.

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.

Prayer diary

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

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