

	<p>St Andrew's, Reading Street</p> <p><i>One family, with Christ at the centre, welcoming all!</i></p> <p>1st March 2026 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>
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Verse of the Week:

“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.”

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Welcome

Today, as our guest speaker, we welcome Rev. Susan Wing from St Saviour's, Westgate to address us at our 10.00 am service. We look forward to her message.

Taizé service

There will be a Taizé service at 6.30 pm this evening. All welcome to attend this reflective and calm service.

Lent course 2026.

The Lent course will continue on this Tuesday 3rd March at 11.15 am, 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.

YPaSTA

YPaSTA for 11-18 year olds meets on Tuesday 3rd March from 7.00 to 8.00 pm in the Upper Room.

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.

Processional CP 480 *"In the cross of Christ I glory..."*

Collect Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Genesis 12: 1-4 p. 13 read by Simon Kemp.
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 p. 1131

Gradual CP 101 *"All ye who seek for sure relief..."*

Gospel John 3: 1-17 p. 1065

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green.

Offertory CP 214 *"Disposer supreme..."*

Anthem *"Dearest Jesu, we are here..."*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 390 *"Blessed assurance..."*

Please remember in your prayers

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

The Departed

Keith Holtum

From the Book of Remembrance

James Foskett, Caroline Saxby & Baby Rico, James Sladden, Derek Wilkinson.

This Week: Monday 2nd March to Sunday 8th 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:

Sat	4 th July	Reading Street Open Gardens.
Tue	17 th Mar	Friendship Lunch at Queens Road Baptist Hall: 12.00 midday

Tea Dance

There will be a Tea Dance held in the Community Hall between 2.00 and 4.00 pm on Friday 6th March 2026. All welcome to attend; admission £5 per person.

Concert for Mission Action

On Sunday afternoon, CHORUS!, a local choir performed a concert of songs and poetry in aid of St Andrew's Mission Action, under the skilful 'baton' of Andrew Lerner. There was a large audience who expressed their delight in what they heard and enjoyed homemade cakes provided by some members of the choir. This was a non-ticketed event but there was a retiring collection that we are delighted to announce raised £538 for our charities.

The members of choir were thrilled to be able to sing at St Andrew's and thank you for providing such a welcoming audience.

Guest speaker

We look forward to welcoming our guest speaker at the 10.00 am Communion service next Sunday (8th March), who will be Anne Williams from the Leprosy Mission.

Confirmation

We welcome the six members of St Andrew's congregation who were confirmed by Bishop Rose at St Luke's Church in Ramsgate yesterday evening, and will be taking their first communion today at St Andrew's : *Darren Ball, Marcia De Oliveira Felisberto, Autumn George, Vanessa Baxter, Jasper Mummery, and Robert Cooper.*

An Evening of United Prayer in Broadstairs

Churches Together in Broadstairs and St Peter's will be holding a service of United Prayer in St Andrew's Church at 6.30 pm next Sunday evening, 8th March 2026. All welcome to come and join in this important ecumenical event.

Thanet Food Link

Current needs are pretty much the usual requirements the co-ordinator tells me. Baked beans, soup either tinned or packets, cereal and cereal bars, tinned meals like chicken curry or beans with sausages, tinned desserts like rice pudding. Thank you. Your support is always appreciated.

Jenny Matterface

Easter Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who have donated mugs for our Easter Gifts – we now have sufficient. Tickets will be on sale for the Easter Gifts and Easter Egg raffle on Sundays between Sunday 8th March and Easter. Please come and support your church!

Prayer diary

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

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