

	<p><b>St Andrew's, Reading Street</b></p> <p><i>One family, with Christ at the centre, welcoming all!</i></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b> <b><i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></b></p>
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**Verse of the Week:**

*"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless." Isaiah 40:29*

**Welcome**

Today, as our guest speaker, we welcome Anne Williams from the Leprosy Mission to address us at our 10.00 am service. We look forward to her message.

**Lent course 2026.**

The Lent course will continue on this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friendship Lunch**

The next Friendship lunch will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Queens Road Baptist Church hall at 12.00 for 12.30 pm start. All welcome; if interested, please call Janet Porter on 865178, or notify the office.

**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 after the 10.00 am service on Sundays from now to Easter. Please come and support your church!

**Processional** CP 533 *“O for a heart to praise my God...”*

**Collect** Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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** Exodus 17: 1-7 p. 75 read by Marc Springthorpe-Rose.  
Romans 5: 1-11 p. 1132

**Gradual** CP 467 *“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds...”*

**Gospel** John 4: 5-42 p. 1066

**Intercessions** led by Richard Collins.

**Offertory** CP 395 *“Christ is our corner-stone...”*

**Anthem** *“Praise we now the word of grace...”*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Recessional** CP 455 *“Guide me, O thou great Redeemer...”*

## **Please remember in your prayers**

Kate Barrett, Marian Cleverley, John Cornish, Fred Flood, Pam Hughes, Paula and Dorcas Trewin and family.

## **The Departed**

Jackie Steele, Simon Trewin

## **From the Book of Remembrance**

Emily Kemp, Jean Mason, Samuel Smith.

## **This Week: Monday 9th March to Sunday 15th 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:**

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

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## **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](mailto:simon.wendholt@btinternet.com) , 07794 828943.

## **Pastoral Care**

If you would like a quiet time of personal prayer or an opportunity to speak or pray with a member of the Pastoral Team, there is always someone in the Lady Chapel after the 10.00am service to talk to. If you know of someone who you would like us to pray for, or who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please write their names in the Prayer Book in the Lady Chapel.

## Thanet Food Link

The data for February was released on March 1st. and makes interesting comparisons between the St. Paul's distribution centre and the St. Peter's one. At St. Peter's more women than men seek help, but overall, the clients are mostly single adults. The main reasons for seeking help are, as before, benefits issues and low income. Citizen's Advice Outreach Team attend twice a month helping people access benefits, receive advice on various issues, providing a much-valued service.

St. Paul's is mostly single men, almost 70% of those asking for help, with the main reason being benefits issues. Overall, 473 food parcels were distributed by the two centres, none of which would be possible with donations both in kind and financial.

*Jenny Matterface*

## Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Prior to the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), which will be held on Sunday 10th May, the Electoral Roll of the Church will be reviewed. This process will start on Sunday 8th March and run until 19th April. During that time the Roll will be open for people to check their entries and make sure they are up to date. It is also an opportunity for people not yet on the Roll to join. Forms are available from the church office and from the back of the church. Please complete them and either give them in to the office or to Janet Graham. Being on the Roll ensures you can vote at the APCM but it also shows a commitment to your church.

## Prayer diary

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

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