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St Andrew's,
Reading Street

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

*3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

Verse of the Week:

“You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.”

Psalm 91:1–2

Evening service

There will be a Taizé evening service tonight at 6.30 pm – all welcome to this calm and reflective service.

Annual Church Parochial Meeting

The Annual Church Parochial Meeting will be held next Sunday (10th May) at 11.00 am, and this is your chance to find out about all the work the PCC have been doing on your behalf during the year. Reports detailing the work of the various committees will be available for you to read prior to the meeting and will be found at the back of the Church on the two Sundays preceding the APCM. If you would like to get more involved in the running of your church, there are currently vacancies on the PCC and the Deanery Synod, this is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the running of your church. Nomination forms for both roles are to be found at the back of the church, you will need a proposer and seconder, if you would like to find out more about either role, please speak to Philip. If any of the congregation wish to raise anything under *Any Other Business* at the APCM, can you please let me know prior to the meeting, my email contact is wendycleland815@gmail.com or alternatively contact the Church Office.

Wendy Cleveland, PCC Secretary.

Processional CP 145 *“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing...”*

Collect Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Genesis 8: 14- end p. 9 read by Jenny Lambert
Acts 7: 55- end p. 1100

Gradual CP 139 *“Blest be the everlasting God...”*

Gospel John 14: 1-14 p. 1082

Intercessions led by Simon Kemp.

Offertory CP 138 *“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing...”*

Anthem ...

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional CP 136 *“Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord...”*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Sue Box, John Cornish, Jenny and Peter Evans.

From the Book of Remembrance

Jean Romain, Phyllis Skevington, Lucie Sladden, Christine Stone, Margaret Williams.

This Week: Monday 4th May to Sunday 10th May

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study.
	7.30 pm	Michael's Bible Study via Zoom.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group.
	2.00 pm	Women's Group.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun	3 rd May	Taizé service at 6.30 pm.
Thu	14 th May	Ascension Day communion service at 7.30 pm.
Sat	16 th May	Concert for church funds; starts 3.00 pm.
Sun	17 th May	Rogation Sunday at Elmwood Farm at 10.00 am.
Sat	4 th July	Reading Street Open Gardens.

Thanet Food Link

The warehouse is very low on stocks of baked beans and tinned fish as well as pasta sauce and breakfast cereal or cereal bars.

Thank you.

Jenny Matterface

Open Gardens

Tickets are now on sale from the Office, Monday to Friday 10.00 - 12.00 midday. The cost is the same as last year, £4.00 in advance and £5.00 on the day. Please spread the word among your family, friends and neighbours and support this fundraising event in aid of St. Andrew's. Also see the Facebook page 'Reading Street Village Open Gardens'.

Date for your diary

There will be a concert in church on Saturday 16th May 2026, from 3.00 to 5.00 pm in aid of church funds, hosted by Greg and Olivia Tassell. There will be a retiring collection, and further details will follow.

Open Church – Church Sitters Needed

We need at least 10 people prepared to come and sit in the church, 10.00 – 12.00, once a fortnight – weekdays when the office is open, so you are not on your own. If you are able to give up 2 hours every so often, would you please give your name to Sue or the office. Thank you

Christian Aid Week is Coming

10th – 16th May is Christian Aid Week. For those of you who would like to support this important cause I will be putting out envelopes into which you can put your donations. I will collect them all on Sunday, 17th and take them to the local representative. Thank you, Sue.

Rogation Sunday - 17th May

Following the Service at Elmwood Farm there will be refreshments and a light lunch served in the Community Hall. If you would like to join us, could you please put your name on the form which will be at the back of the Church from today; or contact Pauline on 01843 591605.

Novena

“Thy Kingdom Come” is the focus of the Church of England’s prayer for the Novena-Ascension Day 14th May to Pentecost May 24th. Two excellent books to help you pray for 5 family and/or friends – “God with us” by Archbishop Sarah, and a Prayer Journal by Canon Chris Russell. Both are available free at the back of church. Let’s, as a church, commit to praying for 5 and let’s see God’s kingdom come!

Prayer Diary

The May 2025 Prayer diary is available at the back of the church.

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