

	<p>St Andrew's, Reading Street</p> <p><i>One family, with Christ at the centre, welcoming all!</i></p> <p>17th May 2026 Rogation Sunday</p>
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Verse of the Week:

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

1 Peter 5:10

Youth & Children's Minister Commissioning Service

Today we are holding the commissioning service for Mayowa, our new Youth & Children's Minister. The service will be held at Elmwood Farm at 10.00 am. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she begins this new ministry among our children and young people. Pray too that the service will be Spirit-filled and a joyful time of encouragement and blessing. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Community hall after the service.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship lunch will be on Tuesday 19th May 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.

Christian Aid Week

If you are returning Christian Aid envelopes on Sunday, please place them in with the collection at your venue. If you have an envelope to return during the week, you can take it to the church office during normal office hours, and it will be forwarded to the local representative in due course.

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, John Cornish, Jenny and Peter Evans.

From the Book of Remembrance

Vera Bennett, Joan Cook, Stanley Kemp, Christine Pettit, Ernest Ross.

This Week: Monday 18th May to Sunday 24th 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:

Tue	19 th May	Friendship Lunch at Queens Road Baptist hall at 12.00 pm.
Sat	6 th June	Strawberry Tea: 3.00 to 5.00 pm in Community Hall.
Sun	7 th June	Taizé service – 6.30 pm.
Sat	4 th July	Reading Street Open Gardens.

Thanet Food Link

Current needs are tinned and packet meals, soup, biscuits and jars of paste.
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'.

Open Church – Another Plea for Church Sitters

It is lovely to offer people the opportunity to come in and see our lovely church. 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

Bob Pritchard

The funeral of Bob Pritchard will take place at Thanet Crematorium on Friday 22nd May at 12 noon, and afterwards at the Lanthorne public house in Callis Court Road. All welcome to come and support Sandy.

Susan Box

The funeral of Sue Box will take place at St Andrew's Church at 11.00 am on Thursday 4th June 2026; all welcome to come and support David Box and family, and afterwards at the Botany Bay Hotel, Kingsgate.

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!

Holy Trinity Broadstairs Patronal festival

On Sunday 31st May, Holy Trinity Broadstairs are celebrating their Patronal festival, with a 10.00 am Sung Eucharist and a 5.00 pm Festal Evensong. We are formally invited, along with St Peter's, to the Evensong, after which there will be light refreshments.

Prayer Diary

The May 2026 Prayer diary is available at the back of the church.

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