



St Andrew's Church, Reading Street

July 2026

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of July, I hope and pray that you are enjoying the blessings of the summer season and finding opportunities for rest, renewal, and thanksgiving in God's presence.

Last month, I preached on the importance of prayer and encouraged us all to deepen and strengthen our prayer life.

I know that some members of our church family were unable to be present for that sermon, so I would like to share a few thoughts on prayer here.

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Through prayer, we draw near to our Heavenly Father, bringing before Him our joys and concerns, our thanksgiving and our needs. It is through prayer that we deepen our relationship with God, seek His guidance, and experience His love and faithfulness.

Jesus Himself made prayer a priority throughout His life and ministry. Following His example, may we make time to pray each day, whether in church, at home, or in the quiet moments of everyday life. My prayer is that we may continue to grow as a congregation rooted in prayer, trusting that God hears and answers us according to His perfect will.

As a church family, we have several opportunities this month to come together in fellowship and mission. On Saturday 4th July, we will be holding our Open Gardens Day. We are deeply grateful to all those in our local community who have generously agreed to open their gardens for others to enjoy. This promises to be a wonderful occasion, bringing together people from near and far, offering opportunities for

friendship, conversation, and community spirit. Please do come along if you are able, and help us make this a welcoming and joyful event for all who attend.

Later in the month, on Saturday 11th July, members of the PCC will gather for an Away Day dedicated to prayer, reflection, planning, and discerning God's direction for our mission and ministry. As we seek to serve Christ faithfully in our parish, we recognise our need for God's wisdom and guidance. I would be grateful if you would remember the PCC in your prayers as we meet together, asking that the Holy Spirit would lead us and inspire us in our discussions and decisions.

The theme of mission is at the heart of our calling as Christians.

Mission is not simply something the Church does; it is who we are as God's people. Each one of us is called to share the love of Christ through our words, our actions, our welcome, and our service. As we journey through the summer months, may we remain attentive to the opportunities God gives us to be His witnesses in our families, our neighbourhoods, and our wider community.

As you plan your summer activities, please also make a note in your diary for our Church Picnic at Graham and Val Silsbury's house on Saturday 22nd August. This promises to be a wonderful occasion for fellowship, fun, and friendship as we gather together as a church family. The picnic will also help raise funds for our Mission Action, supporting the important work of sharing God's love both within our community and beyond. More details will follow, but please save the date and join us if you can.

Thank you for all that you do to support the life of our church through your worship, prayers, service, generosity, and encouragement.

Together, we continue to build a community rooted in faith, hope, and love.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. May He bless you and your loved ones throughout this month and always.

With love

Philip

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