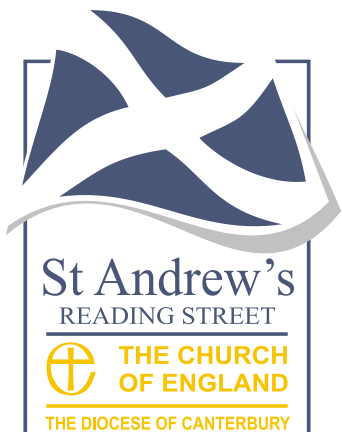




St Andrew's,
Reading Street

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

*5th July 2026
Fifth Sunday
after Trinity*

Verse of the Week:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

READING STREET OPEN GARDENS

A big **THANK YOU** to all the gardens who opened to the public, and to everybody who contributed to yesterday's wonderful OPEN GARDENS event. The final result will be published once we have received all monies and expense claims.

Evensong – Sunday 6th July

A reminder that there will be a special celebratory evensong service tonight at 6.30 pm in the church to celebrate the success of the Reading Street Open Gardens day.

All are encouraged to attend this joyful occasion; please come and join us!

Open Church – Church Sitters Needed

Now we are into holiday season, people may want to come to see our church, therefore I would like to start opening up as from Wednesday, 8th July.

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.

Processional CP 490 "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun..."

Collect Creator God,
we thank you for the beauty of your creation,
for the welcome and friendship shared through our Open Gardens,
and for the generosity of all who took part.
Bless our community,
and help us to bear the fruit of your love
in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings Genesis 24: 34-50, 57-59 p. 25 read by Liz Diggins
Romans 7: 15-25a p. 1134

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

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end P. 976

Intercessions led by John Vince

Offertory CP 581 "Take my life, and let it be..."

Anthem "O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray..." O.Gibbons

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life.
As we give thanks for the joy and generosity
shared through our Open Gardens,
send us out to serve you with glad hearts,
bringing your love to our community;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Recessional CP 497 "Let all the world in every corner sing..."

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Bob Monday.

From the Book of Remembrance

Elizabeth Baugh, Bill Bowen, Daphne Bowen, Betty Broomfield, Irene Collins, Winifred Hall, Grace Inglis, Dr. Keneth Rowthell.

This Week: Monday 6th July to Sunday 12th July

Tuesday	10.30 am	NO Philip's Bible Study.
	7.30 pm	NO Michael's Bible Study via Zoom.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group.
	2.00 pm	Women's Group.
Friday	10.30 am	Coffee morning.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat	22 nd Aug	Church Picnic at Val & Graham Silsbury's home.
Sat	12 th Sept	Ride and Stride 2026.

Thanet Food Link

Currently numbers attending seeking support are a little lower, possibly due to the good weather with more casual work available but donations are also down which means the warehouse isn't being stocked for later in the year when demand is likely to rise. Donations of breakfast cereal, hot drinks, tinned desserts and meals would be appreciated. Thank you.

Jenny Matterface

Weekly Coffee morning

We are pleased to inform you that Philip has very successfully reinstated his Friday Coffee Mornings for those people who would like to drop in for a chat and refreshments – Community Hall, 10.30 – 12.30. Please come along and let others know about it.

Save the Date : Saturday 22nd August

There will be a Church Family Picnic between 3.00 and 7.00pm at Val and Graham's home. This will be a Bring and Share picnic (more details to follow); hot and cold drinks, games, entertainment, quiz, plus much more. Everyone welcome to join us to have fun, food and fellowship.

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Appointment of Music Director

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Susan as Music Director of St Andrew's Church, in addition to her continuing role as our Organist. Susan has faithfully served our church through her musical gifts, dedication, and commitment, enriching our worship week by week. We are very pleased that she has accepted this additional responsibility and are confident that her leadership will continue to strengthen and develop the music ministry at St Andrew's. Congratulations, Susan, and Thank you.

Prayer Diary

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

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