



St Andrew's,
Reading Street

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

*12th July 2026
Fifth Sunday
after Trinity
Sea Sunday*

Verse of the Week:

"The Lord gives strength to His people." — Psalm 29:11

READING STREET OPEN GARDENS

A big **THANK YOU** to all the gardens who opened to the public, and to everybody who contributed to last week's wonderful OPEN GARDENS event.

The 'provisional' final result for the event is **£8,454.37**, assuming there is no more to come in.

Open Church – Church Sitters Needed

Now we are into the holiday season, people will want to come to see our church, so the church is going to be open from now on.

We still need people who are 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 NHWS 369 "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life..."

Collect God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ is Lord of sea and sky:
watch over all who work upon the seas,
protect them in danger,
strengthen their families,
and bless all who care for them,
that they may know Your presence and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings Genesis 25: 19-end p. 26 read by Graham Silsbury
Romans 8: 1-11 p. 1134

Gradual CP 413 *"Eternal Father, strong to save..."*

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p. 978

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green

Offertory CP 470 *"I, the Lord of sea and sky..."*

Anthem

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
we thank You for feeding us
with the bread of life.
Send us out to serve You with joyful hearts,
to remember those who work at sea,
and to share Your love with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Recessional CP 594 "The Lord's my Shepherd..."

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Bob Monday.

From the Book of Remembrance

David Bell, Eva-Marie Meborn-Hubbard, Sidney Parrock, Kay Thurnell.

This Week: Monday 13th July to Sunday 19th July

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study.
	7.30 pm	NO Michael's Bible Study via Zoom.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group last meeting of term.
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

As mentioned last week there was a slight drop-off in demand in June at the two distribution centres but, as is usually the case, 55% of those seeking support are men. There may be many reasons for that including homelessness, few employment opportunities for semi-skilled workers, addiction issues etc.

Currently, to enable the warehouse to be stocked for later in the year items like tea and coffee, breakfast cereals, tinned meals and desserts would be very welcome. Thank you.

Jenny Matterface

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.

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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Prayer meeting

Philip is keen to revive the prayer meeting before the 10.00 am service, and the Lady Chapel is to be used as a venue, between 9.30 and 9.45 am. Please join with Philip for 15 minutes of quiet prayer.

Write Away

Write Away is a community event on the first Thursday of the month, 10.00 – 12.00, in the Upper Room. We have been meeting for 10 months and the members have produced some diverse writing, poetry and prose, from the differing stimuli offered each month.

It is open to all, so if you fancy exploring your creativity, please come along and join us. Sue

Weekly newsletter

It has been suggested that those attending church on a Sunday should be requested to take the weekly newsletter home with them, rather than leaving it behind in the church. It can be used for future reference and continuing to pray for people mentioned on the sick list.

Prayer Diary

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

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