



St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

*16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday
after Trinity*

Verse of the Week:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet." — Psalm 119:105

Toddler Holiday Club

There is a Toddler Holiday Club day at St Andrew's on this coming Wednesday, 19th August 2026 between 10.00am and 12.00 midday, and it is open to children up to age 8. There will be craft, food, and music, and everyone is welcome to share in the fun. For those wishing to support the event, any used cereal boxes and yogurt pots would be welcome; please leave them at the church office.

Church picnic : Saturday 22nd August

There is a Church Family Picnic between 3.00 and 7.00pm at Val and Graham's home at Manston. This will be a Bring and Share picnic, hot and cold drinks, games, entertainment, quiz, plus much more.

Everyone welcome to join us to have fun, food and fellowship. **As there is a limit to how many can attend, please be advised that if you wish to attend, you will need to add your name(s) to the list at the back of the church.**

Di Springett

Processional CP 458 *"Have faith in God, my heart..."*

Collect O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 p. 744 read by Marc Springthorpe-Rose
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 p. 1138

Gradual CP 238 *"For Mary, Mother of our Lord..."*

Gospel Matthew 15:10-28 p. 982

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green

Offertory CP 225 *"O, what their joy..."* (omit * verses)

Anthem *"As we break the bread..."* Margaret K. Davies.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 525 *"Name of all majesty..."*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Bob Monday, Peter Saunders.

From the Book of Remembrance

Eric Burkinshaw, Darryl Lambert, Frank West, Jean Withers.

This Week: Monday 17th August to Sunday 23rd August

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study.
	7.30 pm	Michael's Bible Study via Zoom.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddlers group restart on 9 th September.
Friday	10.30 am	Coffee morning.

Dates for your Diary:

Wed	19 th Aug	Toddlers Holiday Club – 10.00 am to 12.00 midday.
Sat	22 nd Aug	Church Picnic at Val & Graham Silsbury's home.
Sat	12 th Sept	Ride and Stride 2026.

Thanet Food Link

The data for July showed a marked increase in the demand for teenage parcels which are slightly different to the usual adult ones with soft drinks and different cereal contents. In June, 31 teenage parcels were handed out but in July this rose to 65, probably due the students having finished exams and being at home.

Reports indicate a lack of jobs for young people who usually pick up summer vacancies. This means more at home needing to be fed and, as we parents and grandparents know, teenagers seem to have hollow legs!

Jenny Matterface

Ride and Stride 2026

This event will take place on Saturday 12th September 2026, and Philip has already volunteered to ride for sponsorship for St Andrew's. We are looking for anyone else who would be available to 'ride' or 'stride' on that day, and also for church sitters to 'meet and greet' between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm on that day – please add your name to the list at the back of the church. A sponsorship form for Philip will also be at the back of the church.

Mayowa

Our Youth and Children's Minister, Mayowa, is looking for accommodation for herself and her family as they relocate from Gillingham to the Broadstairs area in the autumn. They are ideally looking for a 3 bedroomed house near to St Andrew's Church as none of the family drive at present. If you can give any help or advice in this respect, please do speak to Mayowa.

As Mayowa develops our ministry to young people we are looking for a sofa and bean bags to help provide a comfortable safe space for the groups to meet. These need to have fire safety certificates attached and of reasonable comfort and quality. Please do let Mayowa know if you can be of help in this respect.

Friday coffee mornings

The coffee mornings on Fridays are very successful. Pauline is doing a brilliant job hosting (as she always does). However, to take the pressure off her, I was wondering if some people would step up to assist Pauline. It doesn't have to be the same person each week - work it between a 'team'. I am in the office on Fridays and will help set up before I open the office. Please speak to Pauline or me. Sue

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - MISSION ACTION

This year's lunch has been booked at the Racing Greyhound on Friday 4th December, 12 30pm for 1.00pm. A form will be put at the back of the Church in due course together with menus and costs.

Please make a note in your diary. We hope you can join us.

Prayer Diary

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

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