



St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

*4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday
after Trinity.*

Verse of the Week:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation." — Psalm 27:1

Welcome

Today we welcome Rev Gary Colville who, in the absence of Philip, will be presiding at our 10.00 am Family service.

Bob Monday

The funeral service of Bob Monday will take place at St Andrew's Church on Friday 9th October at 10.30 am, and all are welcome to attend and support Barbara and her family and friends, and pay your respects. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service.

Gift Day

Many thanks to all who visited Philip in church for our Gift Day last Saturday and made a donation. The total raised so far is about £11,000, with Gift Aid still to be added. A final figure will be published in due course.

Murder-Mystery event

Tickets are now on sale for the two performances of "Murder comes to Kings Crescent Baptist Church", at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm on Saturday 17th October. They are £10 each and can be bought from the church office between 10.00 am and 12.00 midday on weekdays. Light refreshments will be available, but feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Processional CP 380 *"At the name of Jesus..."* (omit * verses)

Collect Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 5: 1-7 p. 690 read by Jenny Lambert
Philippians 3: 4b-14 p. 1180

Gradual CP 386 *"Be thou my vision..."*

Gospel Matthew 21: 33-end p. 989

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green

Offertory CP 409 *"Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem..."* (omit v.5)

Anthem *"O Thou who at Thy Eucharist didst pray..."* - Mogens Wöldike

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. Amen.

Recessional CP 377 *"Angel voices ever singing ..."*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, David Diggins, Simon Kemp, Penny Turp.

From the Book of Remembrance

Elsie Bing, Robert Dickinson, Joy Johnson.

This Week: Monday 5th October to Sunday 11th October.

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study.
	7.30 pm	Michael's Bible Study via Zoom.
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddlers group.
	1.45 pm	Women's Group.
Friday	10.30 am	NO Coffee morning this week.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat	17 th Oct	Murder-Mystery event.
Tue	20 th Oct	Friendship Lunch at Queens Road Baptist Hall – 12.00 pm.
Sat	28 th Nov	Christmas Fayre – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.
Fri	4 th Dec	Mission Action Christmas lunch – Racing Greyhound.
Wed	9 th Dec	Advent Celebration event in church – 2.30 pm.
Mon	14 th Dec	Holly Wreath workshop with Pam. Details to follow.

Christmas Fayre

It's on!! We will holding our traditional Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th November 2026 from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm in the church and hall. To assist with the raising of funds for the church, we will be asking if you can contribute any of the following:

Jigsaw puzzles, unwanted gifts, bottles of alcohol, good Christmas decorations, working toys, cakes on the day, and also good quality bric-a-brac. These can be brought to the office between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm on Monday to Friday. Thank you.

Thanet Food Link

Thanks to everyone who donated so generously both with goods and money. It was brilliant to see so many much-needed items taken to the warehouse, including plenty of tins of baked beans.

Thanks.

Jenny Matterface

Harvest Thanksgiving

All packaged contributions received last week have been sent to Thanet Foodlink, and a total of £127.45 from the sale of produce will also be forwarded to Thanet Foodlink.

A big **"Thank You"** to everyone who contributed, and to Geoffrey Philpott who donated produce to decorate the church, and to our team of flower ladies who beautifully decorated the church for Harvest.

"Operation Christmas Child"

It's that time of year again!

Last year we delivered another large donation of filled shoe boxes for this wonderful cause, it would be fantastic if we could do even more this year.

If you would like to donate a filled shoebox (or contribute some of the contents), please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or speak to myself. We also have some empty shoe boxes for those who require them.

All filled shoeboxes and any donations need to be into church no later than the **8th November**, please. Thank you, *Sharon Gough*

Advent Celebration

This year's Advent Celebration will be held in church at 2.30 pm on Weds 9th December, and will be a selection of Christmas poems, sketches, and readings by members of the congregation, interspersed by Christmas carols and songs by the Serenaders Choir.

It will be in aid of St Andrew's and there will be a retiring collection.

Prayer Diary

The October Prayer Diary is now available from the back of the church.

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