



## St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

*25<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Bible Sunday*

### Verse of the Week:

**"In all things God works for the good." — Romans 8:28**

### Alternative Halloween

There is an Alternative Halloween event here at St Andrew's on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> October from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm, and all are welcome to attend. For more details, please see poster in church or the October bulletin.

### All Souls

There will be an All Souls service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30 pm, at which the names of departed loved ones will be read out. If you wish for someone to be remembered at this service, please add their name(s) to the list at the back of the church.

### Christmas Fayre

We are holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2026 from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm in the church and hall. We are looking for contributions of 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.** (Please note, no books or clothes on this occasion).

Thanks to those who have already brought in their donations; we have plenty of room for more!! Prize draw tickets are now on sale – please do your best to sell a book or two. We are also looking for helpers who are prepared to man a stall on the day, and to help set up on the Friday and clear away after the event. Thank you.

**Processional** CP 321 *"Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking..."*

**Collect** Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings** Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 p. 121 read by Simon Kemp.  
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 p. 1186

**Gradual** CP 515 *"Lord, thy word abideth..."*

**Gospel** Matthew 22: 15-22 p. 990

**Intercessions** led by Birgit Wilson.

**Offertory** CP 558 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..."*

**Anthem** *"Deliver us, O Lord our God..."* Adrian Batten

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

**Recessional** CP 460 *"Help us, O Lord, to learn ..."*

## **Please remember in your prayers**

Kate Barrett, Thomas Kemp, Penny Turp.

## **From the Book of Remembrance**

Rev. John Richardson, Mark Tanner, Sheila Watson.

## **This Week: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

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

## **Dates for your Diary:**

|     |                      |                                                    |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat | 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct | Alternative Halloween evening: 5.00-7.00 pm.       |
| Mon | 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Christmas Cr'Afternoon workshop: 2.00 – 3.30 pm.   |
| Sat | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Christmas Fayre – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.             |
| Fri | 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Mission Action Christmas lunch – Racing Greyhound. |
| Wed | 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Advent Celebration event in church – 2.30 pm.      |
| Mon | 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Holly Wreath workshop with Pam. Details to follow. |

---

## **Christmas Lunch - Mission Action**

Booking Forms and Menus for this event are available at the back of the church. Forms should be completed and returned to the church office in due course [if you are bringing guests could you please all use the same form]. As usual there is a wide choice of food and you are able to select 1, 2 or 3 courses. No deposit is needed and payment is made direct to the Racing Greyhound on the day. There will also be a raffle to raise funds for Mission Action. Any queries please contact Pauline on 07903 817185. *Pauline*

## **Advent Celebration**

This year's Advent Celebration will be held in church at 2.30 pm on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Cr'Afternoon Workshop

We are meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00 to 3.30 pm for an afternoon of Food, Fun and Friendship while we recycle cards to replenish our stocks in aid of Church Funds, no experience necessary. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you are hoping to attend. All welcome.

## Murder Mystery

Just over **£582** was raised in ticket sales and raffle for church funds at the recent Murder-Mystery event. Once again, our thanks go to everyone who supported the event, the cast and production team, and Pauline and the kitchen staff.

## "Operation Christmas Child" – 2 weeks to go!

It's that time of year again!

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*

## Thanet Food Link

With the colder weather here, soup is an important part of the food parcels whether tinned or in packets. It can make a cheap, warming meal with bread, cheese or an egg. It is also useful as a base for a stew or inexpensive but filling meals. Thank you for your continued support.

*Jenny Matterface*

## Prayer Diary

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

### Contacts

#### Vicar:

Reverend Philip Musindi  
Telephone: 07806 964756

#### Youth & Children's Minister:

Mayowa Oyinloye  
Telephone: 07951 147352

#### St Andrew's Church Office:

Telephone 01843 609513  
[offstand@btinternet.com](mailto:offstand@btinternet.com)  
Office hours 10:00 – 12:00  
Monday to Friday

#### Churchwardens:

Jenny Lambert -  
Telephone: 07926 043609.  
Susan Flory -  
Telephone: 07974 037142

[www.st-andrews-reading-street.org.uk](http://www.st-andrews-reading-street.org.uk)

Registered Charity: 1163702