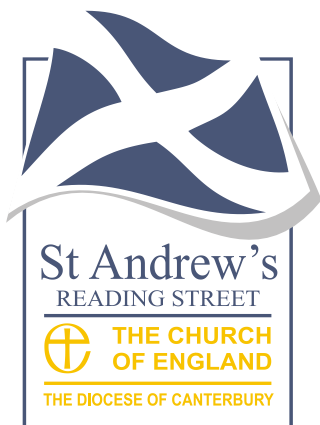




St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

*1st November 2026
All Saints*

Verse of the Week:

"Rejoice always." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16

All Souls

There will be an All Souls service this evening at 6.30 pm, at which the names of departed loved ones will be read out. Please come and absorb this moving and contemplative service. All welcome.

"Operation Christmas Child" – Last week!!

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*

Cr'Afternoon Workshop

We are meeting on Monday 9th 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.

Prayer Diary

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

Processional CP 227 *"Rejoice in God's saints..."*

Collect Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 Revelation 7: 9-end p. 1238 read by Paula Trewin.
1 John 3: 1-3 p. 1226

Gradual CP 222 *"Let saints on earth in concert sing..."*

Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12 p. 968

Intercessions led by Simon Kemp.

Offertory CP 221 *"How bright these glorious spirits shine!..."*

Anthem *"Ave Maria..."* Jacques Arcadelt

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 230 *"Ye watchers and ye holy ones ..."*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Thomas Kemp, Penny Turp.

From the Book of Remembrance

Craig Allen, Sandra Arnold, Wyndham D'Aeth, William Drew, Charles Hunter, Frank Kemp, Maurice Long, Frederick Spendelow, Lawrence Springett, Peter Withers.

This Week: Monday 2nd November to Sunday 8th November.

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.
Thursday	10.00 – 12	Write Away – Creative writing group. Open to all
Friday	10.30 am	Coffee morning.

Dates for your Diary:

Mon	9 th Nov	Christmas Cr'Afternoon workshop: 2.00 – 3.30 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.

Christmas Lunch - Mission Action - Friday 4th December 2026

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 by the 2nd December. [If you are bringing guests, could you please all use the same form]. If you have signed the sheet but not yet returned your form with menu choices these are also needed by the 2nd December.

As usual there is a wide selection of food and you are able to choose 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*

Holly Wreath workshop

Many thanks to all those who have booked for the Holly Wreath workshop on 4th December. The workshop is now fully booked, and if you have not paid your entry fee, would you please pay, preferably by cash, at the office.

Christmas Fayre

We are holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th 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). 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.

Thanet Food Link

The co-ordinator tells me they are really short of things for the children's bags - fruit squash, hotdogs, breakfast cereals and tinned meals. The children's bags are made up slightly differently to adult ones.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Matterface

Advent reading

Advent daily reading book "Finding Hope under Bethlehem Skies", by Robin Ham £3-25; reflections from the book of Ruth - a story where hope is found, even in the darkest places. Available with other Christmas books and cards from Julian and Hilary throughout November after the service.

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.

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