St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

15th November 2026 Safeguarding Sunday

Verse of the Week:
"The Lord is gracious and compassionate." — Psalm 145:8

"Operation Christmas Child" 😇

Thank you to everyone who donated a filled shoebox, or donated money to Operation Christmas Child . This week I delivered 32 shoeboxes to the collection point, along with an additional 29 shoeboxes filled by the 1st Broadstairs Guides who included notes in handmade cards, a wonderful token of love and friendship now shared across the world.
It was a terrific effort from everyone, and will bring such joy to children across the world this Christmas. Thank you *Sharon Gough*

Cr'Afternoon Workshop

The re-scheduled Cr'Afternoon workshop will now be meeting tomorrow, Monday 16th November from 2.00 to 3.30 pm. We hope that everyone listed to take part tomorrow will be able to join in. All still most welcome.

Friendship Lunch: 17th November

From 17th November our Friendship Lunches will be held at the North Foreland Golf Club starting at 11.45am. If you would like to join us, please contact Janet Porter, or Pauline Jackson on 07903 817185. *Pauline*

Prayer Zoom

On Thursday 19th November at 7.30 pm, we will be trialling a Zoom Prayer meeting. For those wishing to take part, the Zoom details are:
ID is 846 1330 8826 and the Password is 427159;
the link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84613308826

Processional CP 2 "C*hrist, whose glory fills the skies…"*

Collect

Loving God, on this Safeguarding Sunday,
we pray that you may help us to act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you.
Make our churches places of welcome, safety,
and belonging for all.
Give us courage to speak up, wisdom to listen,
and compassion to care. Amen.

Readings 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 p. 1154 read by Richard Collins.

Gradual CP 385 "*Be thou my guardian and my guide…"*

Gospel Matthew 18:10–14 p. 985

Intercessions led by Hilary Hills.

Offertory CP 571 *"Soldiers of Christ, arise…"*

Anthem *A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester. L J White*

Post Communion Prayer

God of justice and compassion,
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who welcomed
the vulnerable and comforted those who were harmed.
Help us to work to build communities where all are valued,
respected, and safe.
May your wisdom guide us, your love inspire us,
and your Spirit strengthen us. Amen.

Recessional CP 437 *"Go forth and tell …"*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Shirley Frye, Thomas Kemp, Penny Turp.

From the Book of Remembrance

Guinevere Lee, Barbara Maxted, Timothy Musindi, Kenneth Setterfield, Harold Shepherd, Jean Vince, Ruby Williams, Jean Wootton.

This Week: Monday 16th November to Sunday 22nd 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.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat	28th Nov	Christmas Fayre – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.
Fri	4th Dec	Mission Action Christmas lunch – Racing Greyhound.
Wed	9th Dec	Advent Celebration event in church – 2.30 pm.
Mon	14th Dec	Holly Wreath workshop with Pam.

Season of Safeguarding: 15-22 November 2026

The Diocese's Season of Safeguarding is beginning on Safeguarding Sunday. This year's theme, 'Love Protects', focuses on preventing abuse, supporting victims and survivors, and creating safer church communities. A particular emphasis will be on the experiences of those affected by domestic abuse. Parishes are encouraged to use the Safeguarding Sunday resources in worship and discussion.

Webinars:

There are two online webinars being delivered by Restored, a Christian charity working to end violence against women and girls by equipping churches to respond to domestic abuse and support survivors.

'Domestic abuse, faith and safer worshipping communities'

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 November 2026

7pm - 8pm

Zoom (link sent after sign up)

Book your place

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

With Christmas only a few weeks away, it would really great if the food parcels could be supplemented by some non-perishables treats for all ages like fancy biscuits, chocolates, jellies, tinned desserts like custard, fruit salad etc. If you can add those to your donations, that would be much appreciated. Thank you. *Jenny Matterface*

Advent reading

Advent daily reading book "Finding Hope under Bethlehem Skies", by Robin Ham - £3.00; 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.

Holly Wreath workshop

Many thanks to all those who have booked for the Holly Wreath workshop on 14th 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.

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