St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

22nd November 2026
Christ the King

Verse of the Week:

"Let your hope keep you joyful." — Romans 12:12

YPaSTA

YPaSTA for 11-18 year olds meets on Tuesday 24th November from 7-8pm in the Upper Room.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards of our Church will be on sale in the Community Hall after the 10.00 am Service, £1.00 each.

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT MAURICE HOUSE

Members of our congregation are invited to attend a Christmas Service at The Lodge, Maurice House on Sunday 13th December 4.00-5.00pm. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you would like to attend, to ensure Maurice House are aware of numbers. Thank you.

Processional CP 563 "Rejoice! The Lord is King…"

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 p. 866 read by Liz Diggens.
Ephesians 1: 15-end p. 1173

Gradual CP 172 "*The head that once was crowned with thorns…"*

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-end P. 995

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green.

Offertory CP 166 *"Crown him with many crowns…"*

Anthem *"O come, ye servants of the Lord…."* *C.Tye*

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 165 *"Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice …"*

Please remember in your prayers

Kate Barrett, Shirley Frye, Pauline Jackson, Thomas Kemp, Mary Stockwell, Penny Turp.

From the Book of Remembrance

Donald Baxter, Elsie Burkinshaw, Frank Dean, Norman Elliot, Rose Gottesville, Keneth Kilvington, Marie Pugh, Doris Springett, Albert Tullett.

This Week: Monday 23rd November to Sunday 29th 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.
Sun	29th Nov	Advent Sunday (am) and St Andrew Patronal service (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.

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.

Christingle service

This year's Christingle service will not be ticketed, and everyone is very welcome to attend. However, please be aware that, due to fire safety regulations, our maximum capacity is strictly limited to 250 people. Entry will be on a "first come, first served" basis, and unfortunately, once we have reached capacity, we will be unable to admit anyone else.
Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming 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*

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AND NAMES OF LOVED ONES

If you would like the names of loved ones hung on the inside Christmas tree, please sign the list at the back of the Church. A small donation to MISSION ACTION would be appreciated. Thank you.

Painting Group

We are hoping to start a Painting Group every other Tuesday afternoon in the Community Hall from 2.00 to 4.00 pm
All welcome, from beginners to Bacon. Please enquire in the Church Office.

Christmas Coffee Morning - Friday 11th December

We will be celebrating Christmas early at our regular Coffee Morning from 11.00 am onwards on Friday 11th December.
Please come along and join us, bring a friend or neighbour for a light buffet lunch and Christmas Cheer.
Could you please let Pauline know (07903 817165) if you will be there, so we cater accordingly. Thank you.

Prayer Diary

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

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