



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 16th December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Thought for the Week: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:18 p1190

Christmas Fair: The prize for the entry ticket raffle is unclaimed. If you have pink ticket 753, please see the administrator.

Coffee Morning: To greet the New Year – The Voyagers invite you to a coffee morning at **10:00 am on Wednesday 2nd January** at "High Gate" 29 Callis Court Road, by kind invitation of Henry and Brian. Suggested entry donation £2:00. There will also be a raffle!

Road Closure: Reading Street will be closed on Monday 17th December whilst road 'repairs' are carried out.

Services for Christmas and the New Year

Saturday 22 nd December:	6:00pm	Nine lessons and carols
Sunday 23 rd December	08:00am	Said Communion
	10:00	Family Communion
Christmas Eve:	3:00pm:	Christingle – for all the family
	11:30pm:	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day:	10:00am:	Family Christmas Communion
Sunday 30 th :	08:00	Said Communion
	10:00am	Family Communion

Processional Hymn: **34** "On Jordan's bank"

Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings **Zephaniah 3: 14- end**, p946 *read by John Atkins*

Gradual Hymn **33** "O Day of God draw nigh"

Gospel **Luke 3: 7-18**, p1029

Intercessions *led by Simon Kemp*

Offertory Hymn **444** "God is working his purpose out"

Communion Hymn **26** "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding"

Post Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn **NHWS 210** "Lord, the light of your love is shining"

Prayer after the service: A member of the Pastoral Team will be available in the Lady Chapel after the service should you wish to speak to or pray with them.

Refreshments after the services are available in the community hall.

For the sick: Paul Buckley, Charles Saunders, Liz Stokes, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Josephine Barber, Sylvia Long, Shereen Maitra, Joy Johnson, Margaret Lawrence, Nicholas Nadin, Bobbie Cheeseman and Lauren.

From the Book of Remembrance: William 'Bill' Price (2013), Phyllis Morrison (1996), Paul Bernard Bennett (2010), Lily Holtum (2013), Jean Gustave Beijer (2014), Kathleen Long (1996), Bob Kelly (2006) and Edmund 'Ed' Perry (2016).

Please pray for them and all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

This Week: Monday 17th December to Sunday 23rd December

Monday	6:15 pm Beginner's Yoga with Abbey
Tuesday	No Bible study classes until the New Year
Wednesday	The parent and toddler group and the women's group are on their Christmas break. Both will re-start on the 9 th January 2019
Thursday	10:00 am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel Pilates in the hall with Abbey 11:15 am Relaxation Yoga in the hall with Abbey 7:00 pm No compline. Carols for the Village on Kitty's Green.
Friday	10:30 am Drop in coffee morning – all welcome! Youth Alpha will resume in the New Year
Sunday	8:00 am Said Communion 10:00 am Family Communion. No Junior Church until 6 th January

What's On

Friendship Lunch: 12 for 12:30 on **Tuesday 8th January** at Queen's Road Baptist church. Names to Janet Porter on 865178 as usual.

Carols for the Village: As part of our community outreach, The Salvation Army band and our local carol singers with lanterns will be on Kitty's Green at 7:00 pm on **Thursday 20th December** to sing a selection of carols, followed by mulled wine and hot mince pies in the community hall. **All are welcome, tell your friends!**

Our next social event: Burns' night supper, Saturday 26th January. More details on the posters around the place.

Quiz: Our brain teaser for December is available from the White Swan, Anne Dickinson or the office. £1 donation to enter. The drawn winner out of 4 correct entries was Richard Collins. This month's answers are all about Christmas food and drink.

It's that time again. Your FREE copy of the diocesan magazine for winter is available. It would be really nice to see all the copies taken away and read. Badger the sides people for a copy with your news sheet!

Christmas cards: We have a selection of beautiful hand-crafted Christmas cards for sale on the card stall. Why not treat a loved one to an individually designed and handmade card? Only £1:00 including an envelope!

Food Bank: Donations of UHT milk, jam, packets of flavoured rice or couscous, tinned/dried mashed potatoes and tinned main meals, stew, etc are urgently required to replenish their stocks. Thank you.

Did you know? The Boston Tea Party took place on this day in 1773. Only the Americans could think that tea tastes better made with salt water!

Help for the Christingle: Sharon will be making the Christingles ready for the service, during the afternoon of **Sunday 23rd December**. If you can help, please come along. All equipment (and oranges) will be provided.

Parish Time and Talents directory: The latest revised document (November 2018 edition) is available at the back of the church. Thank you to Jan Graham for her work on this document.

Parish Office: The office will be open as usual this week.

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