



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 9th December 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

Thought for the week: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.” Mark 1:3 p1002.

Christmas Fair: It looks like the final total will be £3,400. This is a 13% increase on last year. Well done everybody! The treasurer can breathe again!

Traidcraft: The Traidcraft stall is in the hall **after the 10:00 am service**. Food, jewellery, stationery and Christmas cards will be on sale. Have a look around to see what is on offer. It is likely that Traidcraft will have to cease trading in 2019.

St A'S group: will meet this **Monday morning**, between **9:00 and 11:00 am**. The hall will be heated, so please come along and enjoy a cuppa and some cake and have a chat with friends old and new. There will be a pre-loved stall as usual.

Coffee Morning: To greet the New Year – The Voyager's 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....

Compline during Advent: We are holding a service of compline in the **Upper Room on Thursdays 14th and 21st December**. This service of quiet contemplation lasts for about 30 minutes and starts at 7:00pm.

Processional Hymn: **29** "Hills of the North, rejoice,"

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us, and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Readings **Malachi 3: 1-4** p724 *read by Wilma Edwards*
Philip 1: 3-11 p1224

Gradual Hymn **40** "Ye servants of the Lord,"

Gospel **Luke 3: 1-6**, p1002

Intercessions *led by Jenny Evans*

Offertory Hymn **35** "People look East. The time is near"

Communion Hymn **37** "The Lord will come and not be slow,"

Post Communion:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn **NHWS 136** "How lovely on the mountains"

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: Elsie Shepherd (1973), Marjorie Brownings (1992). **Please pray for them and all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.**

This Week: Monday 10th December to Sunday 16th December

Monday	2:00 pm Wreath making with Pam Hughes 6:15 pm Beginner's Yoga with Abbey
Tuesday	No Bible study at St Andrew's House until the New Year 7:30 pm Bible Study at "Tonela", Sowell Street
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 Compline (in the Upper Room)
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 and Junior Church Nativity

What's On

Friendship Lunch: 12 for 12:30 on **Tuesday 8th January** at Queens 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? On this day in 1884, roller skates with ball bearings were first patented. Not by Lord Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice but by L M Richardson, an American. Apparently, ball bearings meant you could go faster with less effort ... and crash more spectacularly!

Churches Together Carol Singing: Please join us for carol singing at Tesco, Westwood Cross on **Thursday 13th December, from 4:30 – 5:30pm**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to sing together with all churches in Broadstairs and St Peter's. We will be collecting for the Thanet Winter Shelter.

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

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