



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 27th August 2017
Eleventh Sunday after
Trinity

Verse of the week: “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.” Hebrews 4:14 p1204

Welcome: A warm welcome to Rev Peter Dadd, our celebrant and preacher for today's service. Philip is on holiday until 5th September.

Stop press: The “Get the Big Picture” bible study course, led by Mike Hawthorne, will start on **Tuesday 5th September at 11:00am, in the church.** This 8 week interactive course follows the story line of the Bible from cover to cover (Genesis to Revelation). Along the way it shows how to interpret the Bible and apply its message to our daily lives.

Please sign up to the course on one of the sheets at the back of the church so that we can purchase the correct number of books. An evening session of the course will start later in the month. More details on the date and venue will follow.

(Michael's usual study class will meet at “Tonela” Sowell Street at 7:30pm 5th September.)

Voyagers: There is a thank you from Mission Guatemala on the Voyagers' church display board, and details of a tragedy which befell one of the mothers they are helping. Please read and pray

Thank you: Henry and Brian's lunch was a great success and **£886.50** was raised for church funds. A big thank you to the hosts and guests!

The Voyagers' barbeque at Graham and Val's raised nearly **£650** for the three causes we support. Thanks again to the hosts, helpers and guests!

Processional Hymn: **385** “Be thou my guardian and my guide”

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

Readings **Exodus 1:8 – 2:10** p58 Read by Anne
 Romans 12: 1 - 8 p1139 Dickinson

Gradual Hymn **553** “Peace, perfect Peace”

Gospel **Matthew 16: 13-20** p983

Intercessions led by John Atkins

Offertory Hymn **393** “Brother, sister let me serve you”

Communion Hymn **384** “Be still my soul”

Post Communion:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn **555** “Praise my soul, the King of Heaven”

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: Come through to the Community Hall for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Pray for the sick: Charles Saunders, Wynne Thomas, Geoffrey Wheeler, Tom Waters, Liz Stokes, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Mark Buckley, Sheila Watson, Sheila Hook, Evelyn Smart, Stephen Collins, Kenneth Benjamin, Birgit Wilson, Betty and Malcolm Bruce.

The deceased: Myrtle Alexander. Please pray for Myrtle and for her family at this sad time. (Myrtle was one of our home communicants.)

This Week: Monday 28th August to Sunday 3rd September

Tuesday **Bible study classes will resume on 5th September.**

More details elsewhere in news sheet

Wednesday Little Ted's parent and toddler group and the Women's Group are on holiday. Sessions resume on the **6th September.**

7:00 pm Yoga class with Mina. Details from 07718 162482

Thursday **10:00 am** Said Communion in the Lady Chapel

No prayer group meeting until September

Friday **10:30 am** Drop in Coffee morning. All welcome!

Sunday **8:00 am** Said Communion

10:00 am Family communion. Celebrant and preacher Rev Peter Dadd.

The Junior Church is on their summer break and will return on the **10th September.** During the holiday there will be colouring and other activity sheets on the children's table in church.

Open your diaries, and book these dates:

Friendship Lunch: The next lunch is on **Tuesday 12th September** at Queen's Road Baptist church. 12 for 12:30 start. Names to Janet Porter on 865178.

Grand Concert by the Thanet Male Voice Choir: The choir rehearse at St Andrew's on Tuesdays and will be giving a concert on **Saturday 21st October** as part of their 40th anniversary celebrations, **and to raise funds for the church.** Refreshments will be available.

Christmas Fayre: Ooops! To avoid a clash of dates with St Peter's we will hold our fayre on Saturday 2nd December, between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Monday 4th December 7:30pm : Concert by Camerata Chamber Choir. Musical director: Andrew Larnier.

Camerata are a group of singers who perform a wide and varied programme from Byrd to Bruckner, Tallis to Taverner through to arrangements of 20th century songs, spirituals and African songs. The proceeds of the concert are being donated towards the refurbishment of the community hall. Thank you Camerata!

Quiz: Our brain teaser for August is available from the White Swan, and the office. Still only £1 to enter. As the Post Office is now closed, please buy from the church or the pub. The answers this month are holiday destinations at home and abroad. There were 18 correct answers for July's quiz and the drawn winner was Jodi Love of Cedar Close. Don't forget the closing date is Thursday **31st August**.

Prayer Diary: The August prayer diary is in the church.

Did you know? C S Forester, the historical novelist was born on this day in 1899. Amongst many things he wrote the Hornblower novels and the African Queen. He said "When a man who is drinking neat gin starts talking about his mother he is past all argument"Not just neat Gin, any alcohol eventually produces this effect (so people tell me.....)

Oasis: Donations of women's and children's clothes, towels, bedding and toys are welcome. Please drop any items in at the office. We'd appreciate it if any donations could be put in a **black plastic sack**. Thank you.

Ride and Stride: This year's "ride and stride" for the friends of Kent Churches; with St Andrew's receiving half of the amount any rider/strider on our behalf raises, is on **Saturday 9th September between 10:00am and 6:00pm**. **Di Springett and Anne Dickinson have volunteered to stride on our behalf. A joint sponsorship form is at the back of the church should you wish to sponsor them.** **Volunteers** to man the church between **10 am and 6 pm** would be appreciated. Please sign the rota sheet at the back of the church if you can help. There are only a couple of slots left. Thank you all who have volunteered so far.

Traidcraft: The Traidcraft stall will be in the community hall after the 10:00am service next Sunday 3rd September.

Parish Office: The office is closed for the Bank holiday but open for the remainder of the week. News sheet contributions by Thursday please.

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