



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 15th April 2018
The Third Sunday of Easter

Thought for the week: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain" 1 Corinthians 15:58 page 1157.

Welcome: A warm welcome to all our worshippers today, especially any who are new to the church. We hope you will enjoy the service and come through to the community hall at the end to have some refreshments.

May Ball: Tickets are on sale from the office for this not to be missed event, at **7:30pm on Thursday 3rd May** at The Broadstairs Pavilion. **£30** will buy you an excellent meal and entertainment, including a Michael Boublé tribute act in cabaret and a DJ for dancing.

From Malcolm and Betty Bruce: "We never expected to be writing this, but on 18th April we will be moving from our much-loved home to begin a new adventure in Whitchurch, Shropshire, to be near our daughter Jennifer, her husband Nick and our grandchildren Jamie, Sophie and Edward.

Our move has been forced upon us because of our failing health. Jennifer will be so near as our new home is in a cul-de-sac off her road. How good is that – one minute away!

Our church family at St Andrew's have given us so much love, friendship and latterly much support and encouragement. There isn't a 'thank you' big enough for this and for all the happy years we enjoyed together before we became unwell.

We have been greatly blessed and leave a huge amount of our hearts with you. We will have our beautiful picture of the interior of St Andrew's hanging on our wall to look at and give us comfort, but there will be the odd tear as well. This is really only an 'au revoir' because we hope to welcome many visitors. Please remember us and keep us in your prayers. With much love and big hugs!"

Processional Hymn: **573** “Son of God, eternal saviour”

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 **Zephaniah 3: 14 - end** p 946 read by Ruth Dean
 Acts 3: 12 - 19 p 1095

Gradual Hymn **491** “Jesus, these eyes have never seen”

Gospel **Luke 24: 36 - 48** p 1062

Intercessions led by John Atkins

Offertory Hymn **612** “We have a gospel”

Communion Hymn **565** “Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Post Communion:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Recessional Hymn **162** “Ye choirs of new Jerusalem”

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: Everyone is welcome to come through to the community hall for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Please pray for the sick: Charles Saunders, Geoffrey Wheeler, Liz Stokes, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Sheila Watson, Sheila Hook, Kenneth Benjamin, Betty and Malcolm Bruce, Josephine Barber, Andrew Grossart, David Williams, Sid Morgan, Sylvia Long, Sherene Maitra, Sarah Read and Pauline Jackson

This Week: Monday 16th April to Sunday 22nd April

<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 am	Bible study at St Andrew's House
	7:30 pm	Alpha Course – second session in the Community Hall
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	Little Ted's Parent and Toddler Group in the hall
	13:45 pm	Women's Group: 'British Clock Towers' with Mike Bundock
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00 am	Said Communion in the Lady Chapel Pilates in the hall No Prayer Group this week
<u>Friday</u>	10:30 am	Drop in coffee morning – all welcome!
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 am	Said Communion
	10:00 am	Family Communion with Junior Church

Dates for your diary:

Friendship Lunch: The next lunch is on Tuesday 17th April at Queens Road Baptist Church, 12 for 12:30. Names to Janet Porter on 865178.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and election of churchwardens:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. A meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will also be held just prior to this meeting. If there is anything you would like to raise at the meeting, please inform the PCC secretary, Janet Graham on 601748 or janet_graham2002@yahoo.com beforehand.

The Railway Swing Band in concert at St Andrew's: Wednesday 13th June at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10:00 (including free refreshments) and are available from the office. Please come along and support this fund raiser for the community hall!

From Brian Turp: 'At a dinner recently arranged by the PCC, I was presented with a basket of four bottles of wine, theatre tokens, and a card signed by St. Andrew's congregation. Thank you, all of you, for these gifts which I shall treasure.

I have been proud to serve the Church Community and thank you all for giving me the opportunity to help. I can now appreciate all that goes on behind the scenes to ensure such a vibrant community functions. You are all truly amazing for all that you do. We will have much pleasure in thinking of you whilst toasting your good health. I wish St Andrew's a successful and happy future and with your stewardship and the love of the Almighty I am sure we will all go from strength to strength. Thank you again, Brian.'

Quiz : Our brain teaser for April is now available from the White Swan, Anne Dickinson and the office. Only £1 to enter. Last month's winner was Geoff Sollom of Broadstairs. This month's answers are all herbivores, so get nibbling at the questions!

Fete: Book this date: Saturday 23rd June 2 – 4pm.

Donations of jars, bottles, preserves, plants, unwanted Christmas gifts and good quality bric-a-brac are always welcome. Please hand in at the office.

April Prayer Diary: The April prayer diary is available at the back of the church.

Parish Magazine: Copies of the April edition are at the back of the church. Only 50 pence per copy. Please place any money in the wall safe marked "Magazines"

Food Bank: What you give is really appreciated and helps the Food Bank to assist needy families. Donations of UHT milk, jam, packets of flavoured rice or couscous, tinned/dried mashed potatoes and tinned stew etc are urgently required.

Did you know? On this day in 1912, the RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg on her maiden voyage. I understand that the stewards were instructed not to ask "would you like ice with your drink?"

Oasis: Donations of women's and children's clothes, towels, bedding and toys are welcome. Please drop any items in at the office, which is open as usual this week

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