



St Andrew's, Reading Street

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

Sunday

26th November 2023

Christ the King

Verse of the Week: *"This is my comfort in my affliction: for your word has quickened me."* Psalm 119:50

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair takes place next Saturday, 2nd December, from 11.00 to 2.00 pm. We still would like donations of good quality bric-a-brac, bottles for the Basket of Cheer, homemade jams and preserves, Christmas decorations, or unwanted gifts. If you are able to help on Saturday, please ring Jean Hefford on 07772 576886. Unsold draw tickets, money, and counterfoils may be returned to the church office before Saturday, please.

Advent book for £1! "Comfort and Joy" by Matt Searles.

Under dark skies in Jerusalem, an old man, Simeon, is waiting. These 25 short devotions will take you through Isaiah 40-55, with a reading, a short reflection, questions for meditation, and suggestions for prayer. Join with Simeon this advent in meditating on Isaiah's 'book of comfort', and have your hearts lifted as you behold our King in his beauty.

Available this Sunday - buy one for you and maybe one for a friend?!

Prayer group

A Prayer Group meets on Sunday mornings before the 10.00 am service in the Upper Room from 09.30 till 09.45 am, to encourage more people to attend this important act of worship. All are welcome to attend and contribute, if feeling comfortable to do so. Please try it!

Prayer Diary

November's Prayer diary is available from the back of the church.

Processional CP 563 *“Rejoice! The Lord is King...”*

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen

Readings Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 P. 866 Read by Olivia
Ephesians 1: 15-end P. 1173 Tassell

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 356 *“ Judge eternal, throned in splendour ...”*

Communion Psalm 20

Choir Anthem *“If ye love me,...”* Tallis.

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 601 *“Thou didst leave thy throne...”*

Please remember in your prayers

Wilma and Rocco Cossa, Steven Emms, Jenny and Peter Evans, Ruth Eyres, Billie Gold, Tom Hindmarsh, Keith Holtum, Martin Long, Tina Oakley, Tristan Storey, David Williams, Birgit Wilson, Mandy Winters.

The Departed Frank Dean, Barbara Maxted

From the Book of Remembrance

Donald Baxter, Elsie Burkinshaw, Bill McParland, Florence Miles, Doris Springett.

This Week: Monday 27th November to Sunday 3rd December

Tuesday	10:30 am	Philip's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class in Upper Room
	7:30 pm	Michael's Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	9:30 am	Toddler Group
	1:45 pm	Women's Group
Friday	10:30 am	Coffee morning
Sunday	8:00 am	Said Communion
	10:00 am	Family Communion and Junior Church

Dates for your Diary:

Sat	2 nd Dec	Christmas Fair: 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.
Mon	11 th Dec	Holly wreath workshop x 2.

Thanet Food Link

'Numbers are rising so basically everything is needed, but especially cereal, pot noodles, pasta sauce, tinned desserts and meals'. *Jenny Matterface*

Reading Street

For anyone who has noticed some changes in Reading Street and wondered what was behind them, here's an update. The bench at the triangle car park was damaged by an HGV and has been reported to the town council who installed it. The fencing round Kitty's Green to replace the rusty railings, came from Ellington Park where some major changes took place around the play area. At some point there will be a replacement gate but meantime we no longer have fencing held together with cable ties with some uprights missing. *Jenny Matterface*

Memorial Christmas Tree

The Memorial Christmas tree will be lit on the evening of our celebration of St Andrew's Day (3rd December). If you wish to dedicate a light to a loved one, there is a list at the back of the church where you can add names. Donations received will be in aid of Mission Action funds.

Holly Wreath workshops

The Holly Wreath making workshops will be held on Monday 11th December, at 2.00 to 4.00, and 7.00 to 9.00 pm. Cost per person per session will be £15, and some places are still available for the evening session. If you wish to participate, please add your name and contact number to the list on the noticeboard in the Hall lobby. **Would you please arrange to make payment to Pam Hughes by the end of November, please.**

Exciting Financial News: We are extremely grateful to members of our congregation who so generously gave money at our recent Gift Day. With gift aid, we raised just over £8,500 and Philip was so blest to share time with many people that day and to pray with them for the mission of our church. In that respect we believe that God is graciously answering our prayers for we have now been boosted by significant additional funding and although further fundraising will be necessary to cover the full cost of the kitchen works, the finance we have available means that we have the capital in hand to begin this important project. What amazing generosity! The PCC have therefore made the decision to go ahead, and they have asked our Fabric Committee under the leadership of Graham Silsbury to oversee this work in the near future. We feel so privileged to be given this finance and so excited that we now have this opportunity to go ahead and to complete the transformation of our community hall into a space that can be used for outreach purpose to grow the kingdom of God
Thank you, Lord, for your wonderful and generous provision for us!

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