



St Andrew's,
Reading Street

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

11th May 2025

***VE Commemoration
Fourth Sunday of Easter***

Verse of the Week:

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11

Christian Aid Week

Today marks the start of Christian Aid Week 2025. As part of our Mission Action, we will be offering you Christian Aid Week envelopes today that you are free to take to donate with, should you wish to. These can be placed in the bucket at the back of the church or handed in to the office.

Holy Trinity Church in Broadstairs are also holding a Lunch and raffle in aid of the charity during that week (Thursday, 15th May at 12.30). Tickets £12 from Linda Curtis – 602332.

Friendship Lunch

The next Friendship lunch will be held this Tuesday at the Queens Road Baptist Church hall at 12.00 for 12.30 pm start. All welcome; if interested, please call Janet Porter on 865178, or notify the office.

Rogation Sunday

Our 10.00 am service next Sunday will be held in the open at Elmwood Farm, on Elmwood Avenue, courtesy of Geoffrey Philpott, the farmer. Please meet directly at the farm.

Processional CP 355 *"I vow to thee, my country..."*

Collect

O Lord our God, as we remember,
teach us the ways of peace.
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,
help us to make your future in this world,
until your kingdom come. Amen.

Readings Micah 4: 1–4 p. 932 read by Sue Flory.
2 Corinthians 5: 16–21 p.1162

Gradual CP 413 *"Eternal Father, strong to save..."*

Gospel Luke 15: 18-24 p. 1049

Intercessions led by Birgit Wilson.

Offertory CP 369 *"All people that on earth do dwell..."*

Communion *Psalm 130; 1-6*

Anthem "Hear my prayer..." Moses Hogan.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth
in a single peace;
that the design of your great love lighten
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional CP 81 *"Lord, for the years ..."*

Please remember in your prayers

John Cornish, Keith Davies, Michael Perry, Jackie Steele, Penny Turp.

The Departed

Henry Martell.

From the Book of Remembrance

Hubert Blogg, Joseph Hackney, Beryl Heaton.

Dates for your Diary:

Tue	13 th May	Friendship lunch at Queens Road Baptist hall. 12.00 pm
Sat	5 th July	Reading Street Open Gardens.

This Week: Monday 12th May to Sunday 18th May

Tuesday	10.30 am	Philip's Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Michael's Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday	9.30 am	Toddler Group
	1.45 pm	Women's Group
Sunday	8:00 am	Said Communion
	10:00 am	Rogation service at elmwood Farm.

YPaSTA

Please pray for YPaSTA and all teenagers taking GCSE and School exams at this stressful time. Thank you.

Another Green Step In Our Eco Journey

There is a bag at the back of the church on our Eco Board for collecting empty blister packs. Joy Hawthorne collects these and recycles them as they cannot be put in our normal recycling. So, bring your used packs in and pop them in the bag.

Thanet Food Link

St Andrew's has always been amazingly generous and we are really grateful. Our clients are all checked to ensure they need the food they are given and the relief on their faces when food is received is wonderful to see. Over 500 bags of food a month is still quite a mountain to climb. Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Matterface

READING STREET OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 10am - 4pm

Tickets are now on sale from the Office, Monday to Friday 10.00 - 12.00 midday. Cost is the same as last year, £4.00 in advance, £5.00 on the day. Please spread the word among your family, friends and neighbours and support this fundraising event in aid of St. Andrew's.

Refreshments

Once again this year I am looking for donations of serviettes for the Open Gardens. I have around 200, so another 400 are needed to cover the amount we use. Please leave any in the Church Office.

We are also looking for donations of cakes for the day. These can be home made, shop bought or if you prefer to make a cash donation, we would be happy to purchase them on your behalf. There is a form at the back of the Church which you can complete or please contact me on 07903817185.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help on the Friday or Saturday. However, we still need several more volunteers. It doesn't have to be all day just a couple of hours would be very helpful. Please phone the above number for more details. Thank you. *Pauline*

Attention all knitters

We would like even more flowers to decorate our lovely village for the Open Gardens. Nicki has asked for the knitted/crocheted flowers to be put together in short garlands/swags to save her having to sew them all together. They can be dropped off to her at 1 Astor Road, or handed in to the Church Office. Many thanks for your help.

Prayer Diary

The May 2025 Prayer diary is available at the back of the church.

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