



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 10th December 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Verse of 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.

Welcome: A warm welcome to Rev Michael Cooke who is our celebrant and preacher this morning. We hope that he will enjoy his time with us.

Remembrance Tree: A big 'thank you' to everyone who has sponsored a light in memory of a loved one. The Voyagers' charities have benefitted by nearly **£400**.

Christmas Fayre: **Our final total was just under £3,000.** A big thank you to all our stallholders, visitors, cake bakers, jam and pickle makers, refreshment providers, table and chair shifters. Thanks to Geoffrey Philpott of Elmwood Farm for his generous gift of fresh produce.

Camerata Concert: Well, what an event this was! The choir sang a varied programme, with some audience participation carols. Free refreshments were provided by Pauline, Peggy and Anne and the hall refurbishment fund gained **£280** from the retiring collection.

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

Traidcraft: The Traidcraft stall is in the hall **after the 10:00am service.** Food, jewellery, stationery and Christmas cards will be on sale.

Marmalade for MAF: Wilma Cossa is planning to make some of her delicious marmalade to support Mission Aviation Fellowship. Production should begin in early January 2018. She would be grateful for 1lb jam jars, which can be left in the office, or given direct to Wilma. (Tel 604161)

Processional Hymn: **24** “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

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
forever.

Readings **Isaiah 40: 1- 11**, p724 Read by John Atkins
 2 Peter 3: 8 –15, p1224

Gradual Hymn **36** “The Advent of our King”

Gospel **Mark 1:1-8**, p 1002

Intercessions led by Birgit Wilson

Offertory Hymn **35** “People look east”

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.

Recessional Hymn **29** “Hills of the north, rejoice”

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 are available in the hall after the 10:00 am service

Please pray for: Josephine Barber, Kenneth Benjamin, Betty and Malcolm Bruce, Paul Buckley, Andrew Grossart, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Sheila Hook, Jean Mason, Rachel Musindi, Charles Saunders, Evelyn Smart, Liz Stokes, Wynne Thomas, Sheila Watson, Geoffrey Wheeler and David Williams.

This Week: Monday 11th December to Sunday 17th December

- Monday** **6:15 pm Adult men's yoga with Abbey.** Ring 07792 842494 for more details
- Tuesday** **10:00 am Bible Study:** Philip's group meets at St Andrew's House
- 7:30 pm Bible Study:** Michael's group meet at "Tonela" Sowell Street
- Wednesday** **The parent and toddler and the Women's group are having a break over Christmas and the New Year. Both groups will resume on 10th January.**
- Thursday** **10:00 am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel**
Gentle Pilates class with Abbey. Ring 07792 842494 for more details
- 7:00 pm Compline in the Upper Room**
- Friday** **10:30 am Drop in Coffee morning. All welcome!**
- Sunday** **8:00 am Said Communion**
- 10:00 am Family communion and Junior Church Nativity play, followed by the Junior Church Christmas party!**
- 11:45 am Baptism of Amy Janet Margaret Miller**

Coming soon:

Voyagers' Parcel Sunday: today, after the 10:00am service. Please buy a surprise parcel for a £1, for a gentleman or lady, or boy or girl and help raise funds for the Voyagers.

Carol singing with Churches together: Churches Together in Broadstairs have been given permission to sing carols at Tesco, Westwood Cross between **4:30 and 5:30pm on Thursday 14th December.** We will be collecting for the homeless. Please join us, we need your vocal help.

Voyagers' Christmas Dinner: 13th December at 7:00pm at the Captain Digby, Kingsgate. The cost will be £24. If you'd like to go, see Pat Price for a menu.

Friendship Lunch: We're having a break in December, so our next lunch is on Tuesday 16th. January 2018 at Queens Road Baptist Church. Names to Janet Porter on 865178. Thank you.

Monday at 7. Thirty-one members enjoyed a pleasant evening and a good Christmas Dinner at the Golf Club on Monday. Our next event is our New Year's Party on Saturday, January 13th December at 21 Fig Tree Road at 7 for 7.30 pm. Please let Marion, marionbiggs@googlemail.com, 01843 604524, know if you are able to bring a contribution to the food. At our recent AGM, Charles Watson was re-elected as Chair and Marion Brown is our new secretary; Greta Collins continues as Treasurer. Rita Adams, Roy Brown, Rick Collins, Bob and Pat Drywood and Carol Lamont are on the new Committee.

St Andrew's Quiz: The December quiz is now available. Just one 12 sided golden pound to enter! Have a try this month and raise some funds for the church ... **and** have the chance to win a £25 M and S gift card! Last month's drawn winner from the 15 correct answers was Susan Gwyther of Linkinhorne, Cornwall.

It's that time again ... your FREE copy of the diocesan Outlook magazine for winter is available. It would be really nice to see a few copies taken away and read ... Badger the Sides people for a copy with your news sheet!

Christmas Cards: We still have a selection of beautiful hand crafted Christmas cards for sale on the card stall at the side of the church. Why not treat a loved one to an individually designed and handmade card? Only £1:00 including an envelope!

Letting out or taking in: Forget the diet because Krystyna Green will alter your clothes to fit. She can be contacted on 304045 or at church. Don't forget, **all** proceeds are donated to St Andrew's funds.

Did you know? On this date in 1845, Robert Thompson patented the pneumatic tyre ... and thus provided the means for our Riders and Striders!

Parish Office: The office is open as usual this week.

December's Prayer Diary is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy and use it to focus your daily prayers.

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