



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 3rd December 2017
Advent

Verse of the week: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Ephesians 1:3 p1173.

Welcome: A warm welcome to Trevor Clarke, who will be preaching at the St Andrew's Day celebration evensong tonight.

Remembrance Tree: Don't forget, the tree will be lit during this evening's service at 6:30pm.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who has sponsored a light in memory of a loved one for the Voyagers' charities

Christmas Fayre Thank you: to everyone who helped with or attended the Christmas Fayre yesterday. It was a time of friendship and fellowship, enjoyed by all.

A special 'thank you' to our organising team of Peggy Long, Jean Hefford and Sandra Foster. Thank you as well to Clive, Pauline, Anne and the refreshments team in the community hall. Final details of the amount we raised will follow next week.

Camerata concert: Don't forget... it's on **MONDAY 4th December** at 7:30pm. The group will be presenting a programme of choral music, carols and poetry for Advent. Free admission and refreshments. Retiring collection for the Hall project.

Compline during Advent: We are holding a service of compline on **Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st December**. This service of quiet contemplation lasts for about 30 minutes and starts at **7:00pm**. Do please consider attending as part of your preparation for Christmas.

Processional Hymn: 32 "O Come, O come Emmanuel" **First verse solo**

Collect:

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings **Isaiah 64: 1-9** p752 Read by Anne Dickinson
 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9 p1144

Gradual Hymn **34** "On Jordan's bank"

Gospel **Mark 13:24-37** p 1019

Intercessions led by Krystyna Green

Offertory Hymn **31** "Lo, He comes with clouds descending"

Communion Hymn **NHWS 325** "The Saviour will come"

Post Communion:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn **NHWS 332** "This is the day"

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, Olive Deed, Andrew Grossart, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Sheila Hook, Jean Mason, Rachel Musindi, Charles Saunders, Graham Silsbury, Evelyn Smart, Liz Stokes, Wynne Thomas, Tom Waters, Sheila Watson, Geoffrey Wheeler, and David Williams.

This Week: Monday 4th December to Sunday 10th December

- Monday** **6:15 pm** **Adult men's yoga with Abbey.** Ring 07792 842494 for more details
 7:30 pm Concert by Camerata vocal group in the Church
- 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** **9:30 am** Little Ted's parent and toddler group in the hall
 1:45 pm Women's Group - End of term service
- Thursday** **10:00 am** **No communion this week**
 Gentle Pilates class with Abbey. Ring 07792 842494 for more details
 7:00 pm Compline in the church
- Friday** **10:30 am** Drop in Coffee morning. All welcome!
- Sunday** **8:00 am** Said Communion
 10:00 am Family Communion with Junior Church. Guest celebrant and preacher Rev Michael Cooke

Coming soon:

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.

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 come and join us, we need your vocal help.

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!

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

Christmas Cards: We 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!

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

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? The first fire insurance policy was signed on this day in Hamburg, in 1591. The first 'nein' letter to a claimant followed shortly after....

Parish Office: The office is open as usual this week. Any contributions for the news sheet would be welcome by Thursday.

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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