



St. Andrew's Reading Street

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

Sunday 19th November 2017
Second Sunday before
Advent

Verse of the week: "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!"
Philippians 4:1, p 1180

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 2nd December - 11:00am to 2:00pm. To be opened by the Mayor of Broadstairs.

Draw tickets: We need to sell EVERY ticket, so if you haven't got a book or two, see Peggy Long or call at the office.

Unsold tickets can be put in the box at the back of the church. Please return counterfoils and money to the office.

We would welcome unused Christmas gifts, preserves and pickles, cakes and savouries on the day and toys and games. Empty jam jars are needed.

Posters: There are A4 posters and A5 flyers at the back of the church. Please take a poster and display it in your window, a flier could be put in your car. The more publicity we have, the larger the attendance!

St Andrew's Magazine: is available at the back of the church. **Only 50p!** Any articles for the December edition by 20th November please.

Remembrance Tree: As usual, lights can be sponsored in memory of a loved one or special event. Just put a donation, together with the name or the event to be remembered in an envelope and give it in at the office by **30th November. All proceeds go to the Voyagers' charities.** The tree will be lit at the St Andrew's Day Celebration Evensong on the **3rd December at 6:30pm.**

Processional Hymn: 571 "Soldiers of Christ arise"

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings **Zephaniah 1:7 and 12 – end**, p944 Read by Janet
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 p1188 Graham

Gradual Hymn **323** "Strengthen for service Lord"

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30** p 994

Intercessions led by John Vince

Offertory Hymn **423** "Fight the good fight

Communion Hymn **308** "Just as I am"

Post Communion:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Recessional Hymn **NHWS 289** "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

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: Charles Saunders, Wynne Thomas, Geoffrey Wheeler, Tom Waters, Liz Stokes, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Paul Buckley, Sheila Watson, Sheila Hook, Evelyn Smart, Kenneth Benjamin, Betty and Malcolm Bruce, Josephine Barber, Rachel Musindi, Jean Mason, Olive Deed and Andrew Grossart

The deceased: Mark Buckley. Please pray for Mark and for Anne and her family as they mourn Mark's passing.

This Week: Monday 20th November to Sunday 26th November

- Monday** **6:15 pm** **Adult men's yoga with Abbey.** Ring 07792 842494 for more details
 7:00 pm 'Get the big picture' Bible course at 'Tonela' Sowell Street
- 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
 2:45 pm Women's Group - "Hidden Talents" revealed
- Thursday** **10:00 am** Said Communion in the Lady Chapel
 Gentle Pilates class with Abbey. Ring 07792 842494 for more details
 7:30 pm Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
- Friday** **10:30 am** Drop in Coffee morning. All welcome!
- Sunday** **8:00 am** Said Communion
 10:00 am Family Communion with Junior Church

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.

St Andrew's Breakfast: Sunday 26th November 8:30 – 10:00am. The cost will be £1:00 and tickets are available from the office or Pauline

Christmas Card Cr'afternoon Tea: Monday 27th November between 2 and 4:30pm. A fun afternoon of card crafting with cake and mince pies! £5 per ticket from the office or Brenda Collins and Di Springett. Tickets are selling fast!

St Andrew's Day celebration evensong and switching-on of the remembrance tree lights on Sunday December 3rd at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

St Andrew's Quiz: The November 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!

Camerata Concert: Don't forget... it's on MONDAY 4th December at 7:30. 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.

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

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? On this day in 1493, during his second voyage, Christopher Columbus discovered Puerto Rico. As he said to his navigator Luigi: "Where are we, I'm sure America was around here somewhere ... "

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

November'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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