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THE SECRET OF MENDING

I read a lovely story recently about a lady in Mexico City who twelve years ago, having just lost her husband, and in recovery from cancer, had rescued an injured hummingbird which had lost an eye in an attack by a larger bird. She named the tiny bird Gucci after the designer spectacle case she kept him in as he recovered.

Caring for this little bird in the midst of grief and ill-health proved to be her salvation. 'There were times when I didn't want to play' she said, her voice breaking, 'but he would fly to my head and my shoulder, or sit in front of me. It was an expression of love.' She goes on to say 'Gucci wrote a new life for me'.



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Since then, this lady's home has become a makeshift clinic for sick, injured and infant hummingbirds and at the age of 73, she is now one of Latin

America's leading authorities on hummingbirds. Plans are in fact afoot to train up a new generation of hummingbird whisperers!

It's a story of someone who, in choosing to care for something else, found their own life and heart mending. And there's something universally true in that.

Often, it's easier to withdraw into ourselves when life deals us a bad hand and there will be times when that's all we can do. Part of the path to healing however is choosing to look beyond ourselves, to reach out with whatever energy we have to others; to care. Because, in the caring is our mending.



In the darkest times of this past year, one of the things I found most helpful was having our dog to take care of. Misty needs certain things from me and actually those enforced walks, those moments when she demands my attention or offers me affection, gave my day shape and meaning, lifted me and shifted my perspective. And in that shift, I have known a mending.

A secret of our own mending is to do what we can to mend others.

Alan

WELCOME!

I am pleased to welcome everyone to St Andrew's, but in particular visitors and newcomers. Details of services are given on the next two pages and last page of this magazine. If you wish to know more about anything mentioned, please see the website or get in touch with any named contact person or speak with me or one of the churchwardens. For contact details, see the previous page.

The church is open during daylight hours, and there is a prayer space by the main door where there is an opportunity to post prayers on the prayer board and light a candle.

SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 5th November at 2pm: **Annual Bereavement Service** An opportunity to remember a loved one by name and light a candle in their memory. More info. inside.

Sunday 12th November at 9.15am: **Remembrance Sunday** Please note the time of this service which replaces the usual 10.30am Parish Communion service in church.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY MAGAZINE IS **SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**. Please send copy by e-mail to hertfordsta@aol.co.uk or post to Richard Taylor at 22 Highfield Road, Hertford SG13 8BH (Tel. 01992 302995).

WORSHIP AT ST ANDREW'S

Church Services

You will find a full list of church services on the last page of this magazine and on the church website, with some additional information about certain services on this and the following page.

Junior Church

Children are welcome to attend Junior Church which runs during the 10.30am Parish Communion service each Sunday except when there is an All-Age service when the children stay in church for the whole service.

ALL-AGE SERVICE

5th November at 10.30am

A monthly, shorter, child-friendly, interactive communion service with songs, prayers and surprises.

St Andrew's continues to hold some services on Zoom (Zoom codes are available from the church office: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com or call 01992 504373)

Join us on Zoom for:
Service of the Word

every Sunday at 10.30am with praise, prayer and teaching with every third Sunday of the month being a communion service.

Breathe Prayer Gathering

first Saturday of each month on Zoom

Prayer is like oxygen

Grab a coffee, get comfortable and join us on Zoom as we pray for ourselves, our churches and our world during these worrying times.

Feel free to pray silently or join in, as you wish.

Saturday 4th November at 8.30am



On Zoom on Sundays at 7pm except for second Sundays when Soul Food is on, Compline is based on the Felgild Compline from the Northumbria Community and Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

Meditation & Mindfulness

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Explore the riches of Christian Meditation and how it fits with

the practice and insights of Mindfulness Each weekly session is free and lasts for about 45 minutes. We begin with some gentle exercises to help still the mind and then a guided meditation, followed by some silence.

Beginners especially welcome!

In Church every first Wednesday of the month (and also available on Zoom). Other weeks on Zoom only.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**ONCE A MONTH
IN THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE
(BEHIND THE CHURCH)**

soul food

CONTEMPORARY EVENING SERVICE

**7pm on Sunday 12th November
in the St Andrew's Centre**

**a service with worship songs, creative prayer, gentle discussion and time for reflection,
with refreshments beforehand.**

**Theme: Re-Membering
ALL ARE WELCOME**

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CHURCH SERVICES

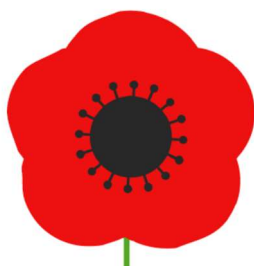
Bereavement Service: Sunday 5th November at 2pm

Each year we gather for a special service when we remember by name those who have died in the previous two years. It's a short service with some music and readings and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. This has been, for many people, a very helpful and moving part of their grieving process.

How to include the name of a loved one: those who have received an invitation from us can be assured that the name of their loved one is recorded for remembrance at the service. If St Andrew's/St Mary's clergy did not conduct the service of someone you would like to be remembered, there is an online form on the church website. You will find it on the Bereavement Service page under the Services and Occasions tab.

'Sponsor a Rose'

At the service, there will be an opportunity to 'Sponsor a Rose', where, for a small donation, you can choose a rose in memory of your loved one and write a dedication with it. Proceeds will go to Cruse Bereavement Care.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 12th November

The Morning Service will begin at the earlier time of **9.15am**. Please be aware of road closures in the town for Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The perfect way to begin preparing for Christmas

A candle-lit service for Advent

Carols, readings and time to pause and reflect

Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm St Andrew's Church

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WORSHIP

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER at 3pm
ALL ARE WELCOME AT...



FOREST CHURCH
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Sundays 3–4.30pm
24 Sept, 29 Oct, 26 Nov, 17 Dec 2023 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June, 28 July, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov 2024
The Forest School area at St Joseph's in the Park School
(off St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury)
Remember to dress appropriately and bring a camping chair, a snack and something to drink
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This month's theme is "FUNGHI". Whatever the weather and for all ages, Forest Church is our new monthly service with a difference. There will be a variety of activities to opt into, such as Mindfulness, Making and Storytelling, ending with time around the fire to sing, pray and eat together. The service is run by St Mary's and St Andrew's churches.

Where? The Forest School area at St Joseph's in the Park School (off St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury). Take the driveway by the lodge next to St Mary's Church. There's lots of parking and shelter.

What to bring. Remember to dress appropriately and bring a camping chair, a snack and something to drink.

What not to bring. No dogs please.

ST ANDREW PATRONAL HOLY COMMUNION



Join us for our Patronal Eucharist for St Andrew on Wednesday 29th November at 10.30am, on the eve of St Andrew's Day.

Weekly Prayer Ministry is offered during our 10.30am Sunday service. This is an opportunity to pray about any concerns you may have, for wholeness and fullness of life and/or to give thanks for answer to prayer. If you are seeking prayer, proceed to the Lady Chapel (by the piano) during the administration of communion or after the service.

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Join a Zoom service via your landline

You just need the ID number and password for each service

Telephone participants will need to call either: 0208 080 6592 or 0203 481 5237 just prior to the service start time. Then follow the verbal instructions, which are:

1. Enter the meeting ID (see below) followed by the # key
2. You will be asked to enter your participant ID, simply press the # key
3. Enter the password (602435) followed by the # key
4. You should then automatically join the service.

WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES & MEETING ID NUMBERS

(these ID details cover October 2023-Feb/March 2024)

Service	ID Number
Sunday Worship 10.30am 8 October – 18 February	ID: 832 8118 0747
Sunday Compline 7.00pm 22 October – 3 March	ID: 894 7915 6072
Wednesday Mindfulness & Meditation 7.30pm 1 November – 13 March	ID: 865 7395 2545
BREATHE – first Saturdays 8.30am	ID: 598 221 0120
Password for each service: 602435	

Please note: Your call charge for connecting to Zoom is likely to be no more than a local rate charge, or may be free, however this will depend on your call plan. If in doubt, please check with your provider.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL



For St Andrew's Harvest Festival this year, the church was decorated, as usual, with a fine array of fruit, flowers, vegetables and other produce, and we thank Kim, Carol, Pat, Debbie and others who did such a fine job. Thank you also to everyone who contributed or made monetary donations. Your generosity was amazing.



Hertford & District Foodbank and **The Hertford Pantry** each received around a dozen bags or boxes chock-full of donations.

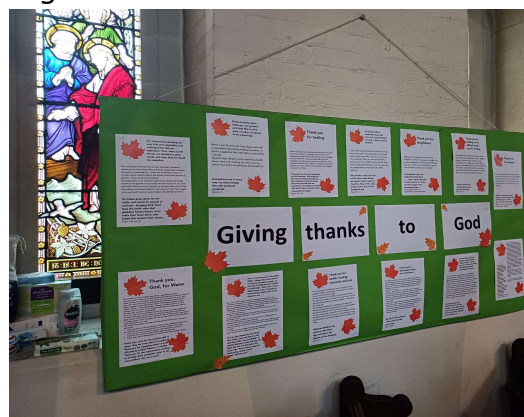
All proceeds raised from the sale of fresh produce after the service went towards The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal, "Cracking food poverty together".

'Giving thanks to God'

We asked people to write between 150-300 words, to say what they are thankful

to God for. It could be about prayers heard, comfort found, peace restored, years of journeying with God in good times and bad. Or a person, an event, or a realisation only now, that God was there.

The expressions of thanks were displayed in church. They included kingfishers, still waters, friends, hearing, memories and prayer. The contributions can now be found on our website: Harvest Thanks under the Services and Occasions tab. We thank Claire, Andrew and Rosemary for putting the display together.



FREE Mindfulness

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MONDAYS
13TH & 27TH
NOVEMBER

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Mindfulness can help with **wellbeing, stress** and **anxiety**. Come along and join the **FREE 30-min sessions**, followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome

just turn up!

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CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOME TO THE NEW ARRIVALS

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

PERCY PHILIP JACQUES

Sarah and Colin Harding have been celebrating the unexpectedly early arrival of their first grandchild, born five weeks premature on 29th September to their daughter Hannah and her husband Charles. Hannah and Charles have named their son Percy Philip Jacques. Percy was chosen simply because they both liked it and the two second names are a nod to Hannah and Charles' two paternal grandfathers. Philip and Marion Harding will be remembered by many as long serving members of St Andrew's congregation. Percy's birth weight was 2.39kgs (5lbs 4oz) (not bad considering how premature he was), and he and his mum and dad are doing well. Charles' parents will be travelling from France to meet their new grandson in the near future.



LILLIAN CHRISTINE

Lillian Christine was born on 4th October at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage to Hillary and Bryan Fries weighing a healthy 7lbs 15oz. Lillian shares a first name with Hillary's great grandmother and a middle name with Bryan's great grandmother. Everyone is healthy and doing well, and Lillian's two doting older siblings Caroline and Judah are **very** excited to have a baby in the home. Bryan runs Young Life International in Hertford and leads Shake After-School Club at St Andrew's.



GEORGE HENRY JAMES

Charles and Debbie Ledsam made the long journey to Cornwall to meet for the first time their newest grandchild. He is George Henry James Ledsam, the first child of their son Alastair and his wife Becky. He was born on Monday 25th September in Truro with a birth weight of 7lbs 8oz and is growing fast.



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CHURCH MATTERS

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

22nd October

Darby Jon Bailey

29th October

Maya Jennifer Philip

FUNERALS:

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

18 October: **Colin Herbert Hammond** aged 76. Colin grew up in Waterford and worked for many years for Royal Mail in Hertford.

20th October **Jean Cooper** aged 84. Jean was small in stature but big in character. She trained as a teacher and ran a nursery school first at Hertford Cricket Club and then for many years in St Andrew's church hall. She got the most out of life and would fight her corner if need be. She loved animals and loved colour - it was a no-black funeral and her coffin was in the distinctive house colour of Fortnum and Mason, her favourite store!

31st October: **Ian Alexander Aitken** aged 84. After moving to Hertford in 1989 with his wife Jenny, Ian became a faithful member of St Andrew's Church and passed away on 25th October 2023. He will be greatly missed by Jenny and all his friends at St Andrew's and beyond.



FOR THE GIFT OF A CHILD

Family and close friends joined Abbey and Darren Lennox at St Andrew's on Sunday 6th August for a Thanksgiving Service for the gift of their baby, Aubrey Bee.

The service was led by Rev. Alan Stewart. Nicola and Eleni were both very excited to take on the role each of Godmother to Aubrey. There were readings given by Abbey and her younger sister and mum which inspired Abbey's Godson, Jacob aged 8, to ask to read as well. Unprepared, they found him a poem which he read out. It was very heart warming and touching moment which will be long remembered. Aubrey received a beautifully knitted blanket in Abbey's favourite colour. The service was followed by a party in the St Andrew's Centre. A really lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.



St Andrew's Christmas Tree

For many years the Christmas tree in church has been donated by a member of or family from the congregation for which we have been very grateful. This year we are looking for a new donor. The tree needs to be fairly tall (10/12ft) and will be an integral part of the Festive Season from Beer and Carols on 16th December. If you may be able to help in this way, please speak with Reverend Alan or one of the churchwardens.

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EVENTS

coffee morning

**SATURDAY
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November's Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th, 10.30am - 12.30pm

This is the perfect time to start thinking 'Christmas' as many of our local charities bring their seasonal cards and gifts for you to buy, including Age UK, British Heart Foundation, Isabel Hospice, Keech, MIND, Scope, Willow and Hertford Museum. Please support these wonderful charities and select some fabulous festive finds all in one go!

We will be marking Remembrance and there will be Royal British Legion Poppies available.

Not to mention, of course, the scrumptious cakes and bakes we're known for, courtesy of our brilliant Bakers Galore team!

Proceeds from the Coffee Morning will be split equally between Royal British Legion and St Andrew's Church.

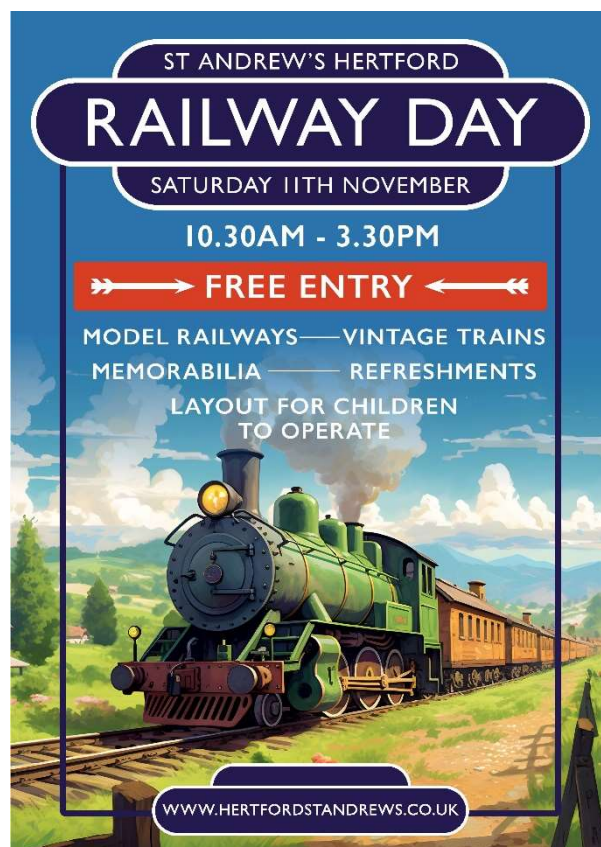
Railway Day

**Saturday 11 November 2023
10.30am - 3.30pm**

We're back with another fantastic one-day event at St Andrew's Church celebrating all things railway!

This event will include working model railways and a collection of vintage trains, with a layout for children to operate and displays of railway memorabilia. Refreshments available. Free entry. More details to follow, so watch this space!

For any enquiries, please get in touch with Reg Harman on 01992 422042 or email: reg.harman@ntlworld.com.



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FOLK AT ST ANDREW'S

PREMIER FOLK PERFORMERS

Saturday 25th November, 7.30pm

Kris Drever

"The folk revival has a new standard bearer" -Q Magazine

Kris Drever is a Scottish folk singer songwriter who has won multiple awards, including an incredible 7 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, two shortlist nominations for Scottish Album of The Year (with his trio Lau). He has received much acclaim for his solo recordings and concerts, including glowing reviews from The Herald, The Guardian, Mojo and Q Magazine.



His latest album, *"Best of.."*, features collaborations with other top artists such as Eddi Reader, Heidi Talbot and Boo Hewerdine while other, previous, collaborators include Rosanne Cash, Julie Fowlis and Kate Rusby.

This should be a wonderful experience and we look forward to welcoming a large audience to the church where real ale, wine and soft drinks will be on sale at the licensed bar from 6.30pm.

Tickets are £19 + £1.43 booking fee www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church

Friday 22nd December, 7.30pm

Churchfitters

A high energy, uplifting Christmas show that can be enjoyed by all the family.

A mouthwatering selection of traditional, familiar and original festive songs and Christmas carols, this cracker of a show at St Andrew's Church will see Christmas in with a bang and a paper hat-full of surprises, novelties - and terrible jokes as well!



The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. Bass guitars made out of frying pans and hub caps. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Boot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock banjo, and traditional melodies reinvented with mesmerising rock rhythms.

The three virtuoso musicians from England and France strut their stuff on a stage that bristles with instruments, adding flute, strum box, tin-whistle guitar, ukulele, mandolin, electric hub-cap bass and a sackful of percussion to their ensemble. And let's not forget the unique 'bing-bong' machine made out of hack-saw blades.

St Andrew's will be decorated for Christmas and a warm welcome is guaranteed for everyone - festive ale, wine and soft drinks will be available from our licensed bar. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £19 + £1.43 booking fee: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church



A limited number of free tickets are available for Under 18s. If interested, please inform St Andrew's Box Office by email at: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

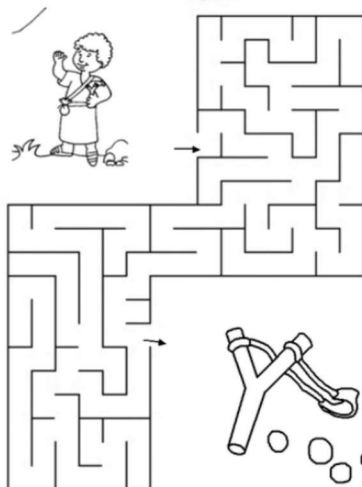
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CHILDREN

Think about

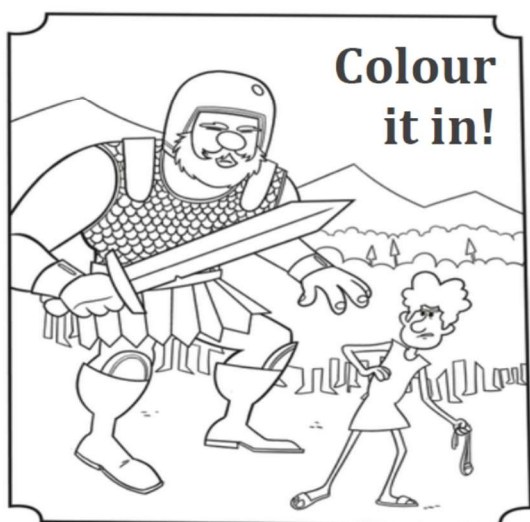


DAVID &
GOLIATH



Maze

Can you help David to find his slingshot and stones?



Colour it in!

David fought Goliath, the giant from the Philistine Army, and defeated him with just a slingshot and a stone. - 1 Samuel 17

Resources courtesy of: Dtlk-bible.com; sermons4kids.com; whatsinthebible.com; cliparthut.com

David & Goliath Word Search

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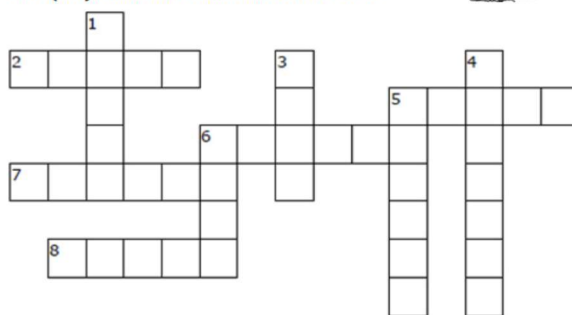


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Crossword

Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. 1 Samuel 17:49 (NIV) Puzzle based on 1 Samuel 17: 32-49



ACROSS

2. A weapon with a looped strap in which a stone is whirled around and then let fly
5. A small piece of rock
6. A piece of armour designed to protect the head
7. A fight between soldiers of opposing armies
8. A long weapon with a pointed blade and one or two cutting edges

DOWN

1. A person of very great size
3. To put to death
4. The name of a giant Philistine warrior killed by David
5. A flow of water similar to a brook or a small river
6. The part of the body containing the brain and the eyes, ears, nose and mouth

WITH THANKS TO VAL HURFORD

HARVEST WEEKEND



At midday on Saturday 7th October, Harvest weekend was ushered in with a peel of the church bells. A visiting company of ringers swung into action and relayed a beautiful sound across the town. By 1pm, the doors were open for visitors to enjoy hospitality inside the church.

The weekend's theme was "gratitude" - something always at the heart of Harvest Festival. To capture the wider application of the word, a wonderful display showed a range of responses relating, among others, to thankfulness for food, nature, for our environment and for friends. Original writing and Bible verses thanked God for his blessings. Meanwhile, the afternoon was full of the good things of life: food, drink, music and conversation. Over two hundred visitors came through the church doors on a gloriously warm and sunny afternoon - all left happy and satisfied.



Once again this year, we gathered an excellent spread of dishes, all donated and representing different international cuisines. The beer was sourced from one of our local breweries, New River in Hoddesdon. John, the brewer had done us proud. Meanwhile, wine and soft



drinks also were enjoyed and there were enough young children to make this seem like a proper, family event.

Local musicians played throughout the afternoon with St Andrew's own band, Flare, playing two sets. Their first was an eclectic mix of modern songs featuring, among others, compositions by Neil Diamond and Michael Kiwanuka. The second set was entitled "Beer and Hymns" with well known classics such as How Great Thou Art, Amazing Grace and All Things Bright and Beautiful. This set went so well, there was even an encore!

With the traditional Harvest service on Sunday morning, it proved a great weekend and an opportunity for everyone involved to reflect on the blessings they most appreciated. Thank you to all St Andrew's folk who, in any way, contributed and, of course, thank you to all our visitors - no one belongs here more than you.



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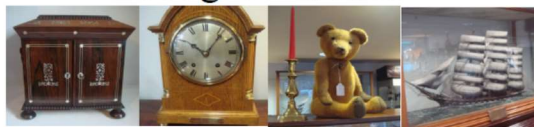


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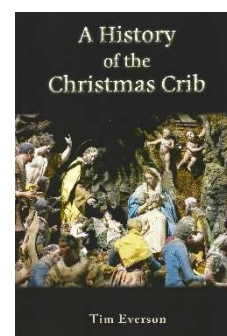


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Cross Links meets:

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7th - James Willis: **Critique**

14th - Alex Hillkurtz: 'Urban architecture'

21st - Bridget Tomkins: 'Underwater World'
- **workshop***

25th - Saturday life **Workshop***

28th - Geoff Bennett: **Talk:** 'Painting People'

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OUTREACH



Jenny Aitken brings us an update from Julie Noble in Oruro, Bolivia on her work at the Angel Tree Centre.

Julie Noble is part of the Latin Link American mission.

Latin Link is an international community with a calling to love and serve God and our neighbour. Most members of Latin Link work in Latin American countries while some work with Latin Americans in other parts of the world. Angel Tree Centre works with prisoners' children and families.

Julie Noble has returned to Bolivia after a three month break in England. She writes;

'I arrived back in Oruro on 29th September. I am adjusting back to the altitude and the very dry air. The weather is warm but there has been very little rain for the past year and many are short of water. In the market here there is a sign on the tap saying it can only be used until 10.30am because of national rationing.

Bolivia finally announced an end to the COVID-19 health emergency at the end of July and very few people are still wearing masks.

There are now sixty-seven young people detained at the Young Offender Centre which means it is very overcrowded. There are six girls and sixty-one boys. We will be doing the victim empathy course with the twenty newest boys (four of whom have learning difficulties). The restorative justice interventions continue

with three young people on parole. A colleague and I are accompanying two young people in a murder case. They have no family support and we are following up their action plans whilst they are detained.

Meanwhile, back at Angel Tree Centre we are dealing with a mouse problem. We are trying to keep the bags of pasta and rice safe as on the 4th October children returning to the Centre each receive these bags to take home to their families.'

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MISCELLANY

STAR OF SMALL SCREEN FOR A DAY

Reverend Alan was caught doing a bit of moonlighting on Tuesday 24th October when he appeared in BBC's *Celebrity Antiques Roadtrip*. He played the part of the shopkeeper at Rossi's Attic on Millbridge in Hertford. Loose Woman panelist, Songs of Praise presenter and star of the West End stage, Brenda Edwards arrived with antiques expert Serhat Ahmet. They picked out a cameo brooch and a piece of Troika Pottery to buy and then haggled with Alan over the prices of the two items, the aim of the programme being to make a profit on resale at an auction sale later in the programme. Keeping to script no doubt, Alan gave them a few pounds off and away they went happy with what they thought were reasonable bargains. Pictured are, in the middle Brenda Edwards and Alan with proprietors of Rossi's Attic Earl and Helen either side of them. Whether, as a result of his performance, offers of other starring roles will arrive remains to be seen, but for now he is back at his day job at St Andrew's and St Mary's. The programme can be seen on the iplayer if you didn't catch it when broadcast.



PIZZA MAN



At the Harvest Festival Sunday morning service, Alan's talk referred to the air miles covered by some of the ingredients of a pizza, and up stepped almost willing volunteer, Luigi (AKA Forbes Mutch) to prepare a pizza using the ingredients provided, which he proudly showed off to the congregation.



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Services at St Andrew's

November 2023



To attend a Zoom service please email the Parish Office at:- standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

	Date	Time	Service	Celebrant	Preacher
Wednesday	1	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	2	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Holy Communion Calton Court	Rev Alan Stewart	
Saturday	4	8.30 am	Breathe Prayer Gathering on Zoom		
SUNDAY	5	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
<i>4th Before Advent</i>		10.30 am	All Age Service	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Eucharist Service on Zoom	Rev Bill Church	
		2.00 pm	Bereavement Service		
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	6	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	8	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	9	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY	12	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
<i>Remembrance</i>		9.15 am	Holy Communion Remembrance Service	Rev Alan Stewart	Adrian Walter
<i>3rd Before Advent</i>		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	Geoff Oates
		7.00 pm	Soul Food Contemporary Service	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	13	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	15	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	16	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Holy Communion Calton Court	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY	19	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
<i>2nd Before Advent</i>		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Forbes Mutch
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Forbes Mutch
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	20	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	22	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	23	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY	26	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
<i>Christ the King</i>		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Melanie Seward
<i>Next before Advent</i>		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Melanie Seward
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer St Mary's Hertingfordbury		
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	27	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	29	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	30	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Holy Communion Calton Court	Rev Alan Stewart	