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DEAR GOD...

Dear God,

if you are listening, please can you switch earth off and then on again? It's not working any more.

Yours sincerely,

All the people

I came across these poignant words a few weeks ago in a handwritten letter taped to a lamppost in Brick Lane, London.



Wouldn't it be good for humanity to have a complete reboot?

Wouldn't it be great if it was that easy?

The truth is that we humans have this impulse for breaking things... hearts, peace, promises... whole ecosystems.

It's easy to lose hope when we see what humanity is doing to itself and to the earth.

And yet, without hope, what do we have?

I believe in hope because I believe in a Messiah who proved that hate and lies and evil do not have the last word. In the end, resurrection teaches us that truth and love and good will out.

I see hope in fearless and sacrificial resistance, like Pope Leo speaking out against unjust wars and the actions of a President with a Messiah complex.

I see hope when Christianity is wrestled back from those who would use it as a force for division.

I see hope every time any one of us honestly faces our own propensity to break things, and

WELCOME!

Welcome everyone to St Andrew's, and in particular visitors and newcomers. Details of services are given on the next couple of pages and the 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 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.

The truth is that we humans have this impulse for breaking things... hearts, peace, promises... whole ecosystems.

the fear, insecurity and prejudice that often lie behind those breakages.

We can't switch the world off, but we can choose to consciously switch off that power that perpetuates fear and prejudice when it surfaces in us and others, and switch on grace and kindness and forgiveness.

This month, some of us will have an opportunity to vote in local elections. Use that vote wisely. Listen carefully to the manifestos and personalities involved, and ask yourself 'in whom can I put my hope?'. Alan

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

We will be reporting on the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26th April in next month's magazine. In the meantime reports can be read on the church website.

Whilst every reasonable care has been taken in presenting the information in this magazine, no responsibility can be taken for any inaccuracies. The opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Priests, Churchwardens or editor.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE **JUNE** MAGAZINE IS **SUNDAY 24TH MAY**. Please send copy by email to hertfordsta@aol.co.uk

SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS

Church Services

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

Junior Church

Children are welcome to attend Junior Church which runs during the 10.30am Parish Communion service on most Sundays during school term time, except during an All-Age service (see below), when the children stay in church for the whole service.

ALL-AGE SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 3RD MAY at 10.30am

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Service of the Word

every Sunday at 10.30am with praise, prayer and teaching. There is a communion service once a month. Please check the services on the last page of this magazine and the website for dates.

On Zoom on Sundays at 7pm
except 10th & 17th May



Compline is based on the Felgild Compline from the Northumbria Community and Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

IN THESE TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY AND WORRY ABOUT EVENTS HERE IN THE UK, IN EUROPE AND FURTHER AFIELD YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN THE REV ALAN STEWART AS HE LEADS US IN PRAYER AT OUR MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING CALLED:



on **Saturday 16th May**
at **8.30am**

Join us on Zoom or pop down to St Andrew's Church and join us in the Lady Chapel as we pray for ourselves, our churches and our world during these worrying times.

Once a month sees a different kind of service at St Andrew's called

Soul Sunday



Sunday 3rd May

Held in the



St Andrew's Centre

behind the church, this is an opportunity to join us for an informal hour of gentle discussion, songs and prayers, along with tea and biscuits.

Please join us at

6.45pm for refreshments

Service begins at 7pm

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Mindfulness & Meditation

at St Andrew's Church, Hertford

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27th May on Zoom only

For details, including the Zoom link, please see our website:

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Ascension Day Service

Thursday 14th May
8pm at St Andrew's

Jesus said, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' John 20:17.

The Feast of the Ascension, or Ascension Day, is one of the highest feast days in the Christian year when we remember Jesus' bodily ascent into heaven. The Ascension is a celebration of the triumph of the risen Lord. It signifies the completion of Christ's work on earth and

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11TH MAY

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CHORAL EVENSONG

AT ST ANDREW'S

SUNDAY 17TH MAY AT 6.30PM

A peaceful, traditional service with beautiful music from the English choral tradition. It is led by our Choir with hymns for everyone.

All are welcome.

his glorious entry into heaven, and also the birth of the Church.

The Ascension not only recalls Jesus' ascent into heaven but also anticipates his promised return. Our service will commence at 8pm on Thursday 14th May.

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EXPLORING PRAYER – THREE EVENINGS IN JUNE

How to talk to God

*What is prayer?
How and why should I pray?
Does prayer change things?*

Three evenings
exploring these
& other questions.
Everyone welcome!
No need to register
– just come along



**Mondays 1st, 8th
& 15th June 8pm**
Hertford St Andrew's Church

Together, we'll be exploring these questions - and others - across three Monday evenings. Everyone is welcome! There's no need to register, just come along. If you have any questions, please speak to Rev. Alan Stewart: 01992 582726 h.alanstewart1@gmail.com

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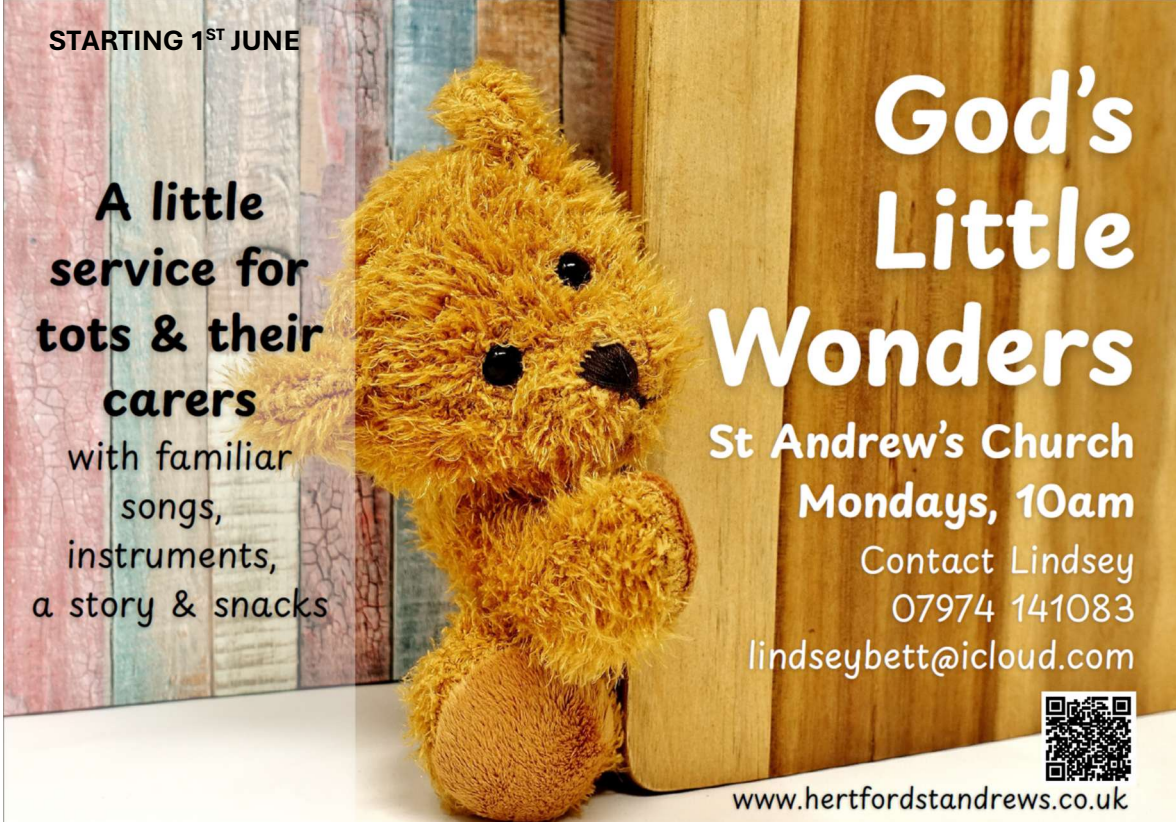
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FROM THE REGISTERS

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20th April **Joan Marie Pyle** aged 93




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St Andrew's Church
Mondays, 10am

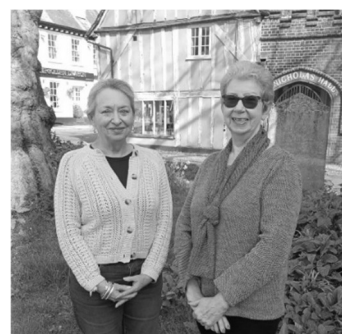
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AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S

You will see us at every 10.30 Sunday morning service working away in our white robes around the altar before and during the service. You may not know our names, but we are Jennie and Sue. We are called Servers. It is a role for anyone, male or female. You are never too young to think about becoming a Server.



We thoroughly enjoy our role and count it a privilege to serve in this way, but now we are in our mid-70s and would sometimes like to enjoy some time-off or cover for when we're unwell, we are looking for others to join us. We have no intention of retiring yet!

If you would like to know more about the role, or think you might like to try it out, please speak to Jennie, Sue or Alan. Training will be provided and it's very flexible!

Many hands make light work! Thank you in anticipation.

Jennie and Sue

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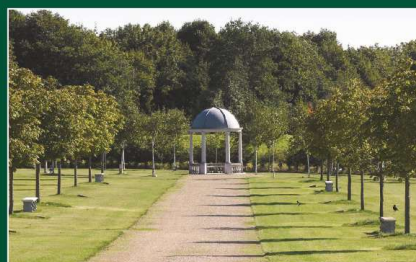
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coffee morning

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This month there will be stalls offering a variety of goods including costume jewellery, scarves and local crafts. There will be live music to entertain you while you enjoy good coffee and a delicious selection of homemade cakes and bakes. You can expect a warm welcome. Money raised will go towards essential roof repairs to keep the church watertight.

GREEN FINGERS?

The June coffee morning needs the help of those with green fingers, as it will have a garden theme. We will be selling plants (flowers and vegetables) so if you are sowing



seeds or dividing perennials and have some to spare we would be most grateful. Please speak to Debbie Ledsam or Sue Mulligan to find out more! Debbie (pictured) can be contacted at dledsam@live.co.uk

Sustainable Eating

A talk by **Andrei Lussmann**

(Lussmann Restaurant, Hertford)



Source: Public Health England

Date: Sunday 3rd May 2026

Time: Talk at 5pm and discussion afterwards

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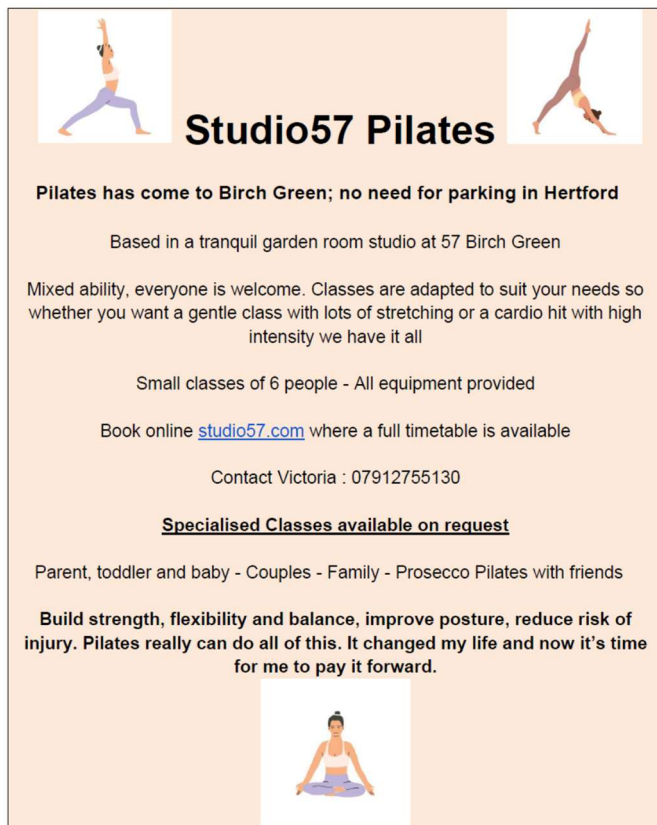



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The chair of Natural England comes to St Andrew's Church Hertford

When: Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm

Please do come and listen to what Tony Juniper has to say about the importance of our natural world and whilst you are there enjoy some fantastic art and music.

We recommend you book online in advance if you can.

You will be supporting both the Church (to ensure it can continue to host such events) and a fantastic small environmental charity (the Wild Trout Trust) that carries out great river restoration and enhancement work for all species across the UK including Hertford's very own River Mimram in Panshanger Park.

If you want to know more about this event speak to Jenny or Forbes Mutch or email them on standrewsfolk2@gmail.com

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PENTECOST

Tongues of fire

Acts Chapter 2

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in different languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these men from Galilee? How is it that each of us hears them speaking in our native languages?"

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine!"



But Peter soon put them right about that. He stood up and started to preach to all the people standing outside, explaining that what they were seeing and hearing was the power of the Holy Spirit.



He preached that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they needed to accept Him. He told them that if they turned away from their sins and accepted Jesus Christ, they too could receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.



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- BRAVE
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- FLAMES
- HEAVEN
- HELPER
- HOLY SPIRIT
- JERUSALEM
- JESUS
- PROMISE
- ROOM
- WIND

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EXPERIENCING PENTECOST

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth')

has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

The Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem – representing many nationalities and speaking many languages – were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language.

'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.' Acts 2, Chapter 2

In May, St Andrew's and St Mary's will be telling the story of Pentecost to children from Hertford St Andrew School and Hertingfordbury Cowper School. Alan says: "Our churches' mission is 'Know the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story'. It will be a great opportunity for our congregations to help Share the Story through sourcing props, preparing craft, decorating stations, welcoming, leading sessions... so many people will have the opportunity to explore gifts they didn't know they had! It will be a wonderful experience which will really help to build relationships with our church schools." The dates are 19th May at St Andrew's and 21st May at St Mary's. If you would like to help, please contact Alan.

What is Pentecost? Pentecost is one of the great festivals of the Church. In modern popular culture it isn't nearly as well known as Christmas or Easter, but for Christians it's profoundly significant. It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their transformation from frightened and confused people to men who would face martyrdom for what they believed.

It's traditionally celebrated as Whitsun: the word Pentecost has become more common in the UK, but traditionally the Church celebrated it as Whitsun.

Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises: one promise is in the Old Testament – Joel 2:28, which says "I will pour out my Spirit on all people", and one in the New, where Jesus says he "will send another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth" (John 16: 5-15).

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church: it marks the beginning of Christianity as a purposeful movement and a new community. When Peter preached immediately afterwards, around 3,000 people believed and were baptised. With thanks to Rev. Mark Woods CHRISTIAN TODAY CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

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CHURCH MATTERS

We did it—greener heating is here! - A note from Jenny Mutch

If you haven't already heard, the St Andrew's Centre's heating is now run on hot air!! Well, that is not quite true, but the air source heat pump is up and running and provides heating for the Centre, the vestry and the John Summers Gill Room as well as supplying hot water to the kitchen, art room and toilets. If you are interested in having a look just pop round the back of the Centre, but to save you the walk here is a picture!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped get this off the ground after I first tentatively mooted it as an idea when it was identified that the gas boiler was not in a great state of repair. It's been a journey, but it just wouldn't have happened without the commitment from all those who helped from the design, funding, planning applications, discussions with the Diocese through to the PCC agreeing and those who oversaw the installation!

The PCC would like to say thank you to Hertford Town Council for providing a substantial grant towards this project which made the whole scheme financially possible.

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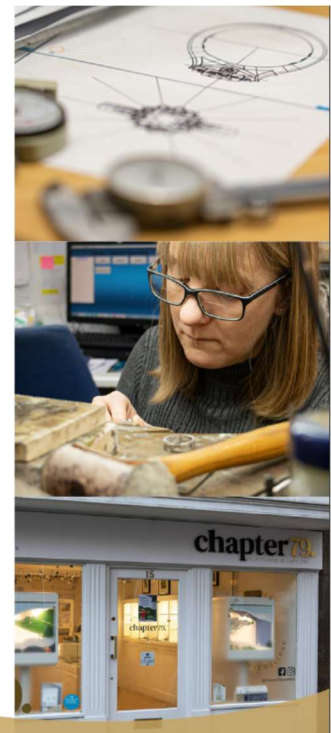
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“Mission’ describes.....everything the church is sent into the world to do”

Last year, St Andrew’s sent 10% of the congregation’s planned giving to support charities locally and globally. It is distributed by the Mission Giving Committee which has the remit to make decisions about allocating money to charities with a Christian ethos, working predominantly abroad and to a lesser extent at home.

In 2025, St Andrew’s allocated a total of £7,842 to the following organisations/ people:

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	Christian Aid	https://www.christianaid.org.uk/
	Embrace the Middle East	https://embraceme.org/
	FUTUREhope	https://fhhw.org.uk
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65% of the donations (£5,097) went to organisations working overseas.

35% of the donations (£2,745) went to organisations working locally.

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MUSIC EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S

St Andrew's has a great line-up of some of the country's headline folk performers in 2026 including confirmed returns for **Gryphon** in June, **Megson** in September, **Martin Simpson** in October and **Churchfitters** for Christmas! Tickets are on sale now!



Thursday 4th June: **Gryphon**

Back by popular demand after their sell-out gig at St Andrew's in 2025, Gryphon return with their progressive folk-rock mix of medieval and Renaissance sounds, creating music that feels both ancient and modern and adventurous. Have a beer, get in the groove.

Thursday 2nd July: **Vikki Clayton**

Vikki's UK tour takes in St Andrew's Church as part of her popular "Folk at the Church" series. The setting provides an ideal acoustic backdrop for her style, allowing audiences to fully appreciate the nuance of her performance. For local folk fans, it promises an evening of high-quality musicianship and timeless song.

Saturday 26th September: **Megson**

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards Megson, aka Stu and Debbie Hanna, draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of folk music.

Thursday 15th October: **Martin Simpson**

Widely regarded as one of the finest acoustic guitarists in British folk music, Martin returns to St Andrew's with his expressive fingerstyle playing that blends traditional British folk, American blues and old-time influences into something that feels both ancient and vividly personal.

Sunday 25th October: **Gigspanner Big Band**

We're thrilled to welcome Gigspanner Big Band back to St Andrew's. This coming together of several of the biggest names on the folk-roots scene combines a deep knowledge of roots traditions with a ceaselessly boundary-pushing approach.

Saturday 19th December: **Churchfitters**

Without seeing a Churchfitters Christmas show your festive season will be so much poorer. You have to see this band at their joyful, uplifting best. Miss this gig at your peril.

Check **Folk at St Andrew's** under the **What's On** tab of the church's website for ticket information: www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

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JUNIOR CHURCH & ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL EASTER STORY

Although made during the spring term last year, the children in Junior Church were keen to display this splendid collage once more. Made from recycled materials, it tells beautifully the story of the first Easter Sunday.



Bikeability supports St Andrew's School, Hertford



St Andrew's School is really encouraging children to cycle to school. The charity Bikeability has been encouraging the children to cycle safely and has made sure that children have bikes they can use by swapping ones that are too small with 'new' (to the user) of the right size.

Last week so many bikes were spotted in bike racks! How great is that activity for the children's health and confidence!

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HERE AT ST ANDREW'S

ST ANDREW'S COFFEE MORNINGS: **can you help?**

Our regular monthly coffee mornings at St Andrew's are popular, enjoyable and a great way to help the charities supported each month as well as raising money to help us to maintain the church.

We are looking for volunteers to help run our monthly church coffee mornings. You would not be expected to run the morning by yourself but would be teamed with others and have plenty of support.

Whether you're new to the church or have been coming for years, it's a great way to get involved and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people. By helping with a coffee morning, you'll be supporting our fundraising efforts (for the church and a chosen charity) and, of course, enjoying plenty of tea, coffee, and delicious cake along the way!

No experience is needed – just a willingness to lend a hand and share a smile. If you're interested, please get in touch.

We'd love to have you join us! Contact: Hannah: hannah.lilley@gmail.com and Parish Office: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

HALF A CENTURY OF WONDERFUL SERVICE



When you attend a Sunday morning service, services at Easter or services in the seasons of Advent and Christmas, you come to expect to hear the uplifting sound of St Andrew's choir supported by our organists and led by the hard-working and talented Director of Music, Jane Eldred, filling the church with song.

Many members have been stalwarts of the choir for decades. In the Spring of 1973 a young teenager called Venetia (Vee to her friends) signed up. Hazel Risby joined in September that same year. Keith Neat arrived three years later. Keith and Venetia have both recently decided to step away from singing regularly with the choir, after 50 and 53 years' fantastic service

respectively.

All three joined during the leadership of Ian Friars as Choir Master & Organist. Ian was followed by Dorothy Raven with her husband Tony playing the organ. Tony went on to become an ordained priest serving elsewhere in the county. Then there was David Scholar followed by the stringent Simona Budd leading the choir before Jane took over.

Venetia was followed into the choir by all three of her children as well as her eldest grandchild. Both of Hazel's sons were choir members.

Keith's prowess with the trumpet has long been an asset, not just at Remembrance Sunday services but numerous others. They all deserve a huge thank you for the commitment they have made to the choir and St Andrew's.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10TH – 16TH MAY

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has brought faith and action together to help families survive poverty and violence, and communities rebuild after crisis.

What is Christian Aid?

Christian Aid is an international charity determined to fight poverty and respond to humanitarian emergencies, no matter how tough it gets. Their work first began in 1945 when churches across the UK came together to respond to the urgent refugee crises following the Second World War.

They are rooted in the Christian faith and supported by churches, but their work supports all people in need regardless of belief. They work with organisations and people of all faiths and none.

Together with their partners, Christian Aid delivers essential programmes across the world and raise awareness and funds to support lasting change.

Who will Christian Aid Week support this year?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from their partner Beacon of Hope, they can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

There will be a bucket collection in church during Christian Aid week which will go towards this work.

Challenge level: seedling

Growing food and hope in Kenya

In a big city called Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa, families are **growing food in tiny spaces using gardens shaped like cones!** These gardens go UP like a tower and are full of tasty veggies like kale and aubergines. Parents who grow these vegetables are called **'urban farmers'**.

The gardens help families who don't have much money to eat healthy food. Urban farmers also sell what they grow to help pay for their children to go to school. **They hope the future will be better for them and their families.**

Fact: Clever cone gardens can grow over **100 plants** in a space **smaller than a chair!**



Fact: There are parts of Kenya where **1 in 3 children** don't get enough food to grow well.



Colour the pictures and design your own city garden!






Word search challenge

Can you find all the words listed below about growing food and hope?

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O	N	I	E	R	S	C	W	F	P
B	Y	B	E	K	E	N	Y	A	O
I	U	C	S	E	E	D	S	T	L
A	T	D	O	W	A	T	E	R	V

KENYA	AUBERGINE	FAMILY
NAIROBI	WATER	GROW
GARDEN	HOPE	CONE
KALE	SEEDS	FARMING



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LATIN LINK & ANGEL TREE CENTRE

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



Julie Noble is part of the Latin Link American mission which St Andrew's supports. Latin Link is charity registered in England and an international community with a calling to love and serve God and our neighbour. Angel Tree Centre works with prisoners' children and families.

These are some extracts from Julie's March letter and from her Latin Link Bulletin from Oruro:

Following up on the restorative justice cases I wrote about last time there has been very poor attendance at the sessions for the boys. The problems with the lack of victim information continue. I made visits to Corque (to visit the court) and Huanuni (to look for a victim) and I was able to spend an hour with a youth court judge to work out how to tackle a complicated case. He seemed as frustrated as I am by the lack of resources and training for youth justice work.

Numbers have fallen at the young offender centre to between fifty and sixty. We are currently running three groups: a victim empathy group, a bible study group and a third group watching an excellent film called Adolescence. Four boys have asked to watch this film again.

I recently attended the funeral of a serviceman who was thought to have died under suspicious circumstances but the official autopsy declared the cause of death as pneumonia. Recently a young man died whilst doing National Service. His family were told he had drowned and claimed officials had tried to stop them opening the coffin. When they did and the body was examined, the family say his eyes and kidneys were missing. A report published in 2024 called 'Barracks of Death: the dark side of National

Service in Bolivia' included at least sixty-two deaths between 2011 and 2023. Many of these were without clear information but some were attributable to violence or abuse.

Elections were held in March for regional governors and mayors. Oruro did not have outright winners so there will be a second round of voting in April. Elections are always held on Sundays and everything closes down – shops, transport, markets and churches. Apart from a few protests, things have been pretty quiet politically.

Jenny Aitken



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Services at St Andrew's

May 2026



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

	Date	Time	Service	Celebrant	Preacher
SUNDAY <i>Easter 5</i>	3	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	All Age Service	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	HeartEdge Sermon
		6.45 for 7.00 pm	Soul Sunday in the St Andrew's Centre		
Monday	4	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	6	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	7	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Easter 6</i>	10	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
Parish Away Day - No other services					
Monday	11	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	13	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Scott Martin	
Thursday <i>Ascension Day</i>	14	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		8.00 pm	Holy Communion for Ascension Day	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Scott Martin	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Maria Henriksson-Bell
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Maria Henriksson-Bell
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong		
Monday	18	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	20	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	21	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Pentecost</i>	24	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	Rev Alan Stewart
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer at St Mary's Hertingfordbury	Rev Bill Church	
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	25	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	27	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Scott Martin	
Thursday	28	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	31	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Bill Church	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Geoff Oates
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Nick Hoyle	Geoff Oates
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	