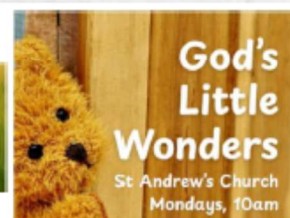
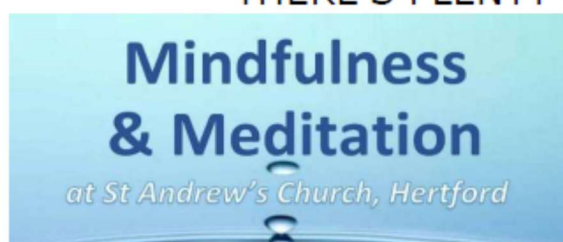


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'I HOPE YOU MAKE IT'

Rev Alan writes, "I recently discovered a really beautiful poem by Maxine Meixner which begins with the lines:

'I'm not religious

*But when I see someone
running for the bus,*

I say a silent prayer for them.

I pray to no one and everyone

When I silently say

"I hope you make it."

She goes on to say that these five words contain 'all the things I wish for this stranger'.

What a great prayer. It's one that recognises that we are all, in our different ways, running for a bus; hoping for something, trying to get somewhere.

If we're honest, we can often be so distracted, or introspective, that we might not think to pray for a stranger. If we're honest, we're often competitive towards or quick to judge others by how they appear. This simple wish or prayer creates a moment of empathy. It turns others from being a stranger to being a fellow human being with their own story, their own struggle, their own hope.

I wonder what would happen if we got ourselves into a habit of silently praying/wishing those five words for every person we meet, known or unknown to us; "I hope you make it ". I suspect it would change things; it would change us."



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 two pages 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.

Choir and Organ Hertford Children's Choir

Celebrate Harvest at Hertford St Andrew's

All-Age Harvest Service

Sunday 11 October, 10.30am

We welcome in-date tins, packets and jars of food and unopened toiletries. Either drop them off at the church before Saturday 10th or bring them with you to the Harvest service. Thank you!

 Find out more

Our non-perishable food donations will go to two local charities, both working to help stop hunger in our area:

Hertford & District Foodbank
Hertford Pantry

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/harvest

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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

Joined by Hertford Children's Choir on
SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Also HARVEST SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER
both at 10.30am

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

St Andrew's services on Zoom

Zoom codes for online access and access via a landline are available from the church office: contact info. on inside of front cover.

Join us on Zoom for:

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 pages of this magazine and the website for dates.

On Zoom on Sundays at 7pm



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:



Saturday 19th September
Saturday 10th October
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.

A different kind of service at St Andrew's called

Soul Sunday

★ **Sunday 6th September** ★
Sunday 4th October

(A Taizé Service for Creation)

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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SERVICES AND OTHER EVENTS



**THE RIGHT REVD
DR JANE MAINWARING,
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We are delighted to welcome the Bishop Jane of Hertford to our 10.30am service at St Andrew's on **Sunday 20th September**. During the service, we will be baptising a whole family, David, Danielle and Milly, and confirming David, Danielle, Henry and Wendy. Please join us for this special occasion.



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September
5th & 19th
October**

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CHURCH FAMILY

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

16th August: Freya Imogen Mary Young

30th August: Isabella Iris Rodia

FUNERALS:

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

14th August: **James Donnelly**, aged 84. Jim was born in north London. He married Sue and they had sons Martin and Matthew and in time four grandchildren. He qualified and worked as a meat inspector and then set up his own wholesale food importing business. It flourished and they moved home and business to Broxbourne in 1978. Martin and Matthew joined the firm and it now has three offices including one just across the road from the church. Jim worked hard, had a good business sense but also loved family, golf, travel, good company and fun.

BURIAL OF ASHES:

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

3rd August **Stephanie Bowyer** aged 66. Stephanie was the daughter of Evelyn Thompson, whom many will remember. She was the mother of three and had lived for some years in New Jersey.

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A MESSAGE FROM MELANIE

It has been over a year since Chris, my very much-loved husband died a month after a late Stage Four diagnosis of T cell Lymphoma. He is missed but remembered with joy by myself, his children and, I am sure, by the congregation.

I wanted to write to say how much the practical support, friendship and prayer of everybody has helped me; I felt held by God and the Church.

Thank you for respecting my break from Readership Ministry. I now feel called and ready to take up my preaching role and other activities again.

Melanie Seward

REV DUNCAN PAYS A VISIT

Members of St Andrew's congregation who have worshipped here since the 1980s were pleased to have the opportunity to catch up with Rev Duncan Dormor following a Wednesday morning service which he and his daughter Rebekah attended in August. Duncan is on the left in the photo chatting with Peter Risby. Duncan was Rector of St Andrew's from 1972 until 1988 when he moved to parishes in the Malvern Hills. Thank you to Peter Ruffles for the photograph.



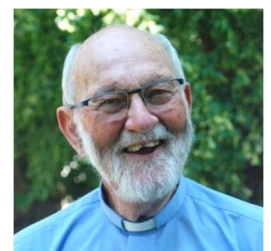
FROM MAYDAY TO CELEBRATING MAY'S DAY



Nearly three months after reaching 90, May Perkins was at last able to celebrate her milestone birthday with her friends at St Andrew's on Sunday 23rd August after the 10.30am service with cake, of course. May's birthday was 30th May but a fall as she left a restaurant in Hertford shortly before her big day left her with broken ribs as well as a fractured hip and pelvis. After treatment and two weeks in Princess Alexandra Hospital where she spent her birthday, May had a month in Bentley House recovering from her injuries and thankfully is now feeling well and able to get around again. May is very grateful to the paramedics who gave immediate assistance, the doctors and nurses who treated her so well in hospital, the staff at Bentley House and her family for the care they have given her throughout her recovery as well as the get-well messages she received from many friends. It is good to see you back on your feet May. Keep it up!

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

This year marks 21 years of ministry for Rev Bill Church and Bill celebrated his 85th birthday in July. To thank Bill for his many years of service to St Andrew's and St Mary's Hertingfordbury, a surprise party was arranged which followed Evensong at St Mary's on Sunday 26th July. Over 100 people attended the service and the party afterwards. CONTINUED OVERLEAF



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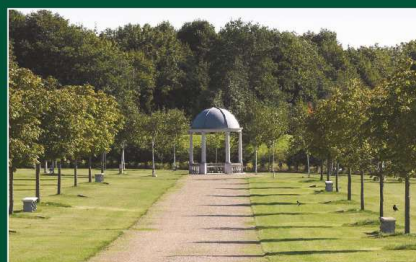
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TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE CONTINUED

Asked about how he came to join the community at St Andrew's and be ordained, Bill said, *"I came to Hertford with my family for work in 1979. A friend in Suffolk had said: "Of course you will worship at St Andrew's". And they were right. That congregation has sustained us in joy and in grief ever since. St Andrew's has a proud tradition of producing ordinands, so it was not so much of a surprise that I made hesitant steps in that direction. I trained for three years on the St Albans and Oxford Ministry Course (an excellent institution) and was ordained deacon in 1999 (and priest in 2000). The Bishop wisely required people ordained out of a congregation to serve elsewhere as curates so I went for two years to Bengoe and for four years to Stanstead Abbots, Great Amwell and St. Margaret's, parishes very different from each other and from St Andrew's. When Fr. Graham Edwards retired in 2005, I returned to St Andrew's to cover the vacancy. And then when Alan was appointed in 2006, that extended to Hertingfordbury and I found another spiritual home there. I am doing less now and some of that in other parishes which are short of clergy. The Registrars tell me that you cannot be a "Clerk in Holy Orders (retired)" so I hope to be a bit active for a while yet.*

And I did enjoy the party after Evensong."

WELCOME DAVE

Hi! I'm Dave Shaw and I am a Lay Reader in Training from St Cuthbert's Church, Rye Park, Hoddesdon. I am just starting my second year of training and will be placed with you at St Andrew's for the next three months to broaden my experience of different Anglican ways of doing and being church.



Alan suggested I write a little piece to introduce myself. That is always a challenge. What are the important things to put in, and the things to miss out? Probably one of the most important things to say is that I am married with two grown-up daughters. I met my wife, Katharine, when we were both studying at All Nations' Christian College. After finishing our course, we served as missionaries in a remote part of the Central African Republic for three years. Unfortunately, our time there had to end as the country fell apart and various armed factions made our part of the country unsafe to live and work. Fortunately we owned a house in Hoddesdon, so we settled back into life in this area.

In the thirty years since our time in Africa I have volunteered in various churches while Katharine has worked at All Nations' College. We joined St Cuthbert's after the pandemic and I am now gaining more experience and equipping through my Lay Reader training in order to serve the local Anglican church better.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know the people of St Andrew's and St Mary's during this autumn.

THERE'S MORE CHURCH FAMILY NEWS OVER THE PAGE

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS CONTINUED

REX JOINS THE FAMILY

Joining the growing number of babies and toddlers in the Children's Corner of the church on a Sunday morning is Rex Christopher Harman. Rex was born on 22nd July. He is the second child of Charlotte and Tom Harman and a brother to Lennox or Leni as she is known. He is also the second grandchild of Melanie Seward and has been named after his late grandfather, Christopher. Congratulations to all the family.

LET'S GO FOR GOLD AGAIN!

Get ready for Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 12th September.

Bike 'n Hike offers the opportunity to raise money both for our church and for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Last year between us we raised over £2,000 to earn a gold award from the Trust. Let's see if we can do the same or better it this year.

Half the money we raise comes back to St Andrew's for our building fund. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! Taking part involves raising a few pounds through sponsorship and/or providing your own donation and cycling, walking, driving or using public transport (it doesn't matter how you get about) to visit other churches in Beds and Herts.

There are lots of ways to join in:

- Get sponsored to take part and visit beautiful churches on foot, by bike or other means.
- Help keep your church open to welcome Bike 'n Hike visitors
- Sponsor someone to take part.

For more information please speak with Peter Ruffles (01992 582722). If you can help by being a welcoming face to visitors to St Andrew's on the day and/or baking refreshments please contact Carol Muhr. For more information and to download a sponsorship form go to [www. bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/](http://www.bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/)



Bike 'n Hike is the Trust's main fundraiser.

It's a vital challenge, because while churches continue to need repairs, building costs have soared. The Trust helps churches of all denominations and it can do more if more people are sponsored to take part in this fun day out, visiting beautiful historic churches. Half the sponsor money goes to the church nominated by the person taking part.

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OUR PRECIOUS WORLD

When Climate Change Comes Closer to Home



Events for your diary at St Andrew's (to coincide with Creationtide)

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home.

Thursday 1st October at 7pm: *Film and discussion (free entry)*

This summer, climate change has seemed far more of a reality. Dry ground, stressed trees and gardens, low rivers and concerns about water supplies are things we can see around us. But what if lack of water is only one part of a much bigger picture? Increased flooding in the winter, food prices climbing and shortages – all could happen.

The **National Emergency Briefing** brings together ten leading UK experts to look at what climate change and the loss of nature could mean for all our lives – from extreme weather and water shortages to food security, our health, wildlife, the economy and even national security.

These are big and sometimes uncomfortable questions. But the message is not simply one of doom. There are things we can do, and acting now could create a healthier, more resilient and better future.

Do please join us for a 45-minute film followed by an informal 30 - 40 minute discussion.

Questions might include: are we taking these risks seriously enough? What might they mean for us here in Hertford? What can we, as individuals and as a community, actually do about them?

Everyone over 16 is welcome and why not bring a friend or neighbour? Refreshments will be available. *If you can register for your free ticket via the QR code or weblink (<https://tinyurl.com/PEB-H2>) that would help with catering.*



Saturday 3rd October – 10.30am – 12.30pm *Eco-coffee morning*

Join us for our annual eco-coffee morning. Oxfam will be joining us with an opportunity for you to buy your eco-products and gifts. More information to follow.

Sunday 4th October at 7pm: *Taizé service*

In place of Soul Sunday there will be a lovely reflective Taizé-style service of lament and hope for our Earth. If you haven't been to one of these services before they feature short simple chants, bible readings, poems, prose and periods of silence and prayer. The goal is to provide space and time (1 hour) for people to rest and contemplate in a peaceful candlelit environment. Do come along.

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EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

ST ANDREW'S CELEBRATED COFFEE MORNINGS



Saturday 5th September 10.30am to 12.30pm

Our September Coffee Morning is being run by the St Andrew's Toddler Group. Half of what is raised will go to Happy Day's Children's Charity. Set up by three mums in 1992, Happy Days Children's Charity based in Hitchin organises and funds special days such as trips to the seaside, theatres, zoos, museums, outdoor activity centres, sporting events and other educational and cultural activities for children right across the UK living with mental, physical and emotional difficulties.

There will be homemade preserves on offer, live music to entertain you and, of course, good coffee and a delicious selection of homemade cakes and bakes. We look forward to seeing you.

Saturday 3rd October 10.30am to 12.30pm Eco-coffee morning

Join us for our annual eco-coffee morning.

Love making preserves etc?

Please put your creativity to good use now for the October Coffee morning.

The eco-church team are running the October coffee morning to coincide with the end of creation-tide. So why not find your creative side! If you love making sumptuous jams, chutneys, cider, apple juice or other preservable food and drink items and think you may have some to spare please consider donating.

Don't forget: add date of production, state ingredients and, if you use local, organic or fairtrade or other sustainable ingredients then feel free to shout about it on your labels: it always piques interest when deciding what to buy!

Thank you in advance and look forward to seeing, tasting and selling your creations.

Jenny Mutch (jennymant@icloud.com)

On behalf of *the eco-church team*.



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CHILDREN AT ST ANDREW'S

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Children are never too young to come to church. You and your children are very welcome at St Andrew's. The Children's Corner at the front of church (to the right of the altar) is equipped with toys, books, craft materials and a space to call their own.

Junior Church

During the 10.30am Parish Communion on Sundays in term time (except when there is an All Age service) there are activities for children in the St Andrew's Centre. The children will begin the service with the congregation and then, after the first hymn, they leave to join Junior Church.

AND THEN THERE IS



**Dive DEEPER into some of life's
Big Questions!**

FUN - GAMES - DISCUSSION – SNACKS

A twice-monthly Sunday morning group for those in Year 6 and above called Deeper

Usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in term time, during the 10.30am service, we'll meet upstairs in the St Andrew's Centre (behind the church) and explore questions like...

- 'What happens when we die?'
- 'Why do bad things happen to good people?'
- 'How can I feel less anxious?'
- 'How does prayer work?'

...or whatever you want to ask, because you set the questions!

There'll be time to chat, talk through some questions, play a game, enjoy some snacks and just hang out!

All-Age Services

These are monthly, shorter, child-friendly, interactive communion services with songs and prayers which are held once a month: usually but not always on the second Sunday of the month. Children stay in church for the whole of the service.

Goodie bags for all the staff at Hertford St Andrew School

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Hertford St Andrew School appeal. Thanks to your donations, we were able to put together fantastic goodie bags for 28 members of staff (teachers, support staff, caterers and cleaners).

Alan delivered the goodie bags to the school before the end of the summer term and they were filled with well-deserved end-of-term treats plus a gift card and a handwritten note from Alan as a thank you for everything each one of them gives to the life of the school and the education of the children.



Bengeo Afternoon Women's Institute

meet every 1st Wednesday of each month in the Parish Hall, Duncombe Road, Bengeo SG14 3DA at 2pm. For further details contact Mrs Janet Butler, Secretary: see below.

Hertford Heath Women's Institute

meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in The Mission Room, Hertford Heath. First visit is FREE, come along and see us. We have speakers of interest and cake with your cup of tea. **Enquiries to Mrs. Janet Butler, Secretary tel 07961 906860 or email janetbutler18@hotmail.com**

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HARVEST



Celebrate Harvest with us at Hertford St Andrew's

Sunday 11th October, 10.30am, is our Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Church which is All-Age Worship with choir and organ.

We are supporting two local charities this Harvest, namely **Hertford & District Foodbank** and **Hertford Pantry**. Both work to help stop hunger in the area.

If you would like to donate any non-perishable items, they will be split equally between the two charities. You can drop them off at church before Saturday 10th October or bring them with you to the Harvest Service. **Thank you for anything you're able to donate.**

These items are especially welcome:

- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned potatoes
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cooking sauces
- Long-life fruit juice
- Long-life milk (UHT)
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tea / coffee (100g)
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste / toothbrushes
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What Jesus means to me

The following is taken from a book of notes and poems etc that Connie Moules had written during her life. It is printed with the approval of her daughter. Connie died earlier this year aged 97 and was a leading light in Sele Farm Church.

Jesus is always there! where?

Well, everywhere – wherever I happen to be. He knows my innermost thoughts – I can't hide things from him.

Jesus loves me! Well, yes of course, I've always believed that – BUT – that love, and his word we must share and spread. I can't keep all his love all to myself, can I?

Jesus forgives such a lot and how sad we must make him sometimes.

Jesus cares – he cares for me; he holds me up. My all too often hurried prayers are answered – not always in the way I would like, but I must remember as we say in the prayer our Lord taught us, thy will be done.

Jesus has time for me – I wish I could say that I always have as much time for him.

Jesus died for me – on a cross, what a price to pay. I feel so very unworthy, and there is such a lot that I don't understand – but I do firmly believe that he rose again and is always with me, through good times and bad.

I thank you God for that and hope one day to have a share in that eternal life, that he has promised us.

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MELANIE

This year, Melanie Seward celebrates 30 years of being a Reader in the Church of England. Rev Alan met with Melanie to find out a little more.

What prompted you to become a Reader?

Two momentous things happened to me. I had Charlotte, our first baby, and I felt the miracle of the birth. She was an emergency C Section and I really thought she might not make it. Everything turned out alright. And then a few months later there was an elderly neighbour called Alex, who had Parkinson's and dementia. He had a lovely home-help who dropped in every day. One Bank Holiday, I saw her outside very late and she couldn't get in. Alex had given me the key, so I went in and called his name until finally I found him on the floor. He had died in the night. I'd never had the experience of seeing a dead body. People expected me to be horrified and overcome by the experience, and although it was a shock, there was also this tenderness, like seeing a baby. And I would reply 'You know, it's actually a wonderful thing to be given that privilege'. About six months later, it was 'Vocations Sunday' at church. I went up to the preacher at the end and said 'I think this could be for me'.

For those who don't know, what exactly does a Reader do?

Well, it varies enormously. For me, the focus has always been on preaching. Over the years I've loved getting to know the congregations, and seeing how this feeds into the sermons. What really interests me is talking to people about faith. In the past, I've been a chaplain on a young people's Residential, led groups, and organised the Parish Residentials including preparing the



liturgy and taken all kinds of services. Other Readers might do most of the things a priest would do in a situation where there is no priest. When people have asked me before: What is it like being a reader? I always have said that I receive as much or more from preparing sermons and services as well

as from sharing in the faith journey with others, than I give to them; It been a source of blessing.

What three words would describe you?

Positive, impatient and collaborative!

What's your karaoke hymn?

I often sing 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' in the shower!

What's your ultimate comfort food?

Well, it used to be chocolate, but now it's nougat!

Early Bird or Night Owl?

Night Owl. You really don't want to ask me anything in the morning!

What's your favourite journey?

It's that feeling of setting off to Northumberland or Norfolk, just getting in the car, feeling the difference in the air.

What advice would you give to your younger self?

Be more confident. Don't worry so much about what others think about you.

What's the best thing about being a grandparent?

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The cuddles. And the fact that they are always in the present.

What's your favourite passage to preach from?

I love the stories about women in the gospels; the woman caught in adultery, the woman at the well. And the story of the storm.

Is there a question you wished I'd asked you?

'Have I had any doubts about being a Reader?'

I very nearly didn't become one because, as part of my training, I had to go and see a Spiritual Director, and I was thinking this wasn't for me. I was walking to see him and I got to the corner of the road and I slowed down. I wasn't going to go in and started to walk

away, but at that moment I just felt God pulling me back. It was almost like a rope pulling me.

And then, about five years before I retired from work, I just thought it was getting too much because there was so much pressure on my time, and it became difficult finding time to prepare sermons.

And when through bereavement, I felt it was time to step back and for eleven or twelve months that felt right. And then I started hearing things and thinking 'that would make a good sermon!'. So, it's still in there and now I feel pulled back to it.

Thank you so much Melanie, for your inspiring and caring ministry across our two churches.

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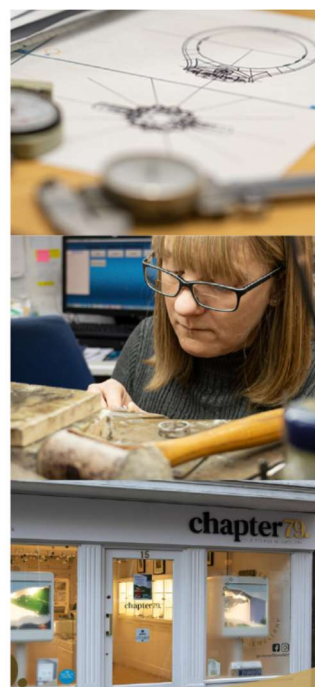
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Back to School

As all our schools go back after a long, hot summer, let's pray for all children that they have the opportunity to **Love Learning, Aim High and Trust God** (the simple motto of St Andrew's School). At the end of the summer term, I had the privilege of reflecting on some of the many things St Andrew's School had done. The school is really going from strength to strength and learning is being brought to life through practical activities, visitors, educational visits, special events and whole-school projects (e.g. joining in with national school choir events, forest school, a trip to the seaside, a visit from an astronaut, an Olympic athlete and a Q&A session with our local MP, Josh Dean).

St Andrew's church support

Thank you for all the support this year.

- For those who helped at the Pentecost event this year navigating candles, allergies and some very amusing questions and thoughts including why 'Jesus' (aka Rev Alan Stewart was praying on his phone) and had some of the people in the church been alive when Jesus was on earth!
- For those who offer their time as school Governors (Kathy Kennedy, Lyn Paine and, of course, Rev Alan Stewart) with massive thanks for Rod Willis's 25+ years as a Governor before standing down this year. If you are interested in joining us see below – it is a great way to support a local school and our local children.
- For the donations for the 'goody bags' for the teachers and staff that were much needed.

The Teachers

Behind every exciting event, successful trip, performance and classroom achievement lies an enormous amount of planning, hard work and dedication. Most of us don't see how teachers work tirelessly behind the scenes and well beyond the school day, to keep children safe, inspired and supported so they can thrive. They need our collective support and prayer to give them strength to cope with difficult situations, that inevitably occur during the year and time to reflect on all the good things.

Jenny Mant
Chair of Governor's St Andrew's School



Become a Governor at Hertford St Andrew Primary School
We need you!

Do you want to make an impact for local children?
We're looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to join our Board of Governors!

If you're in local business, an educator, a parent (not just of this school) or a member of our community, this is your chance to have a positive influence on the future of Hertford St Andrew Primary School and improve the life chances for local children. We are keen to hear from anyone who is interested, but if you have experience in finance, comms or health and safety, we would love to talk!

As a governor, you will:

- Support school leadership and help shape the school's vision.
- Guide strategic decision making to improve outcomes for all children.
- Represent the voice of our community and contribute your own, unique perspective.

No prior experience is necessary – just a commitment to the success of our students. The full governing body of the school meets six times a year in the school – you may be invited to be part of other committees, but these meetings often take place on Teams +/- Zoom.



Contact Dr Jenny Mant:
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CHURCH MATTERS

JO WILLIS PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO ST ANDREW'S MONTHLY LUNCHES

Have you ever seen the note in the Messenger giving a number to book your place at the Senior Lunch, and wondered what it was all about? Here is a bit of information about what happens there, and see whether it might be something that you and/or a friend might like to come along to.

The Senior Lunches are for anyone over the age of 60 who would like to come (I know 60 is still quite junior but that's the age. In fact all the volunteers are over 60!). You don't have to be a regular churchgoer or affiliated to St Andrew's or St Mary's – just want to get out and have a meal in the company of others. We meet on the second Friday of every month (occasional exceptions but these are notified well in advance) from 12.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre where a lip-smacking feast will await you. Meals consist of a main course, a choice of at least two desserts (yes, you can have seconds), and then tea or coffee with a chocolate to finish, for



which the charge is £6. Any food allergies or intolerances are catered for, as long as we are notified in advance, so there is usually a gluten free option.

Examples of main courses are Beef Bourguignon, Sausage Plait, Fish Pie,



Roast Gammon, Chicken Pie, Pork in Cider and at Christmas we do a full Traditional Turkey meal. We try and do something that folk may not make for themselves at home. There are two teams of volunteers who take it in turns to cook, led by Viv Thornton, and Jo & Rod Willis. Both produce very tasty fare! And the desserts always come with either cream or custard as appropriate.

The hall is set up with tables of six so if you have someone particular you wish to sit with, that is easy to accommodate. Everyone is very friendly! And if you don't wish to converse all the time, there is always a short(ish) quiz to keep you occupied waiting on the tables.

We currently regularly get between 25 and 30 guests each month, but we can feed a few more, if we know how many are coming. So if you feel like this is something you would like to come along to, just let Viv or Jo know and we can add you to the list. We can also put you in touch with a regular, so you can find out what they think about the lunches too. 36 is probably our top limit so book to avoid disappointment! Why not give it a try?

Jo Willis 07572 281845

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MUSIC EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S



**St Andrew's
welcomes some of
the country's top,
headline folk
performers**

We have some great gigs this Autumn and Christmastide with the ever-popular **Megson** and widely-admired **Martin Simpson** both making return visits. Tickets are selling well for both gigs and, some of you will remember, a previous visit of **Gigspanner** resulted in "House Full" notices being required. **Churchfitters** will be appearing once again just before Christmas to provide their joyful, uplifting seasonal special for us. You can buy tickets at the normal address i.e.

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church>

MEGSON Saturday 26th September: 7.30pm



British folk duo Megson are made up of husband-and-wife musicians Stu and Debbie Hanna. They are known for blending traditional English folk with modern songwriting, rich vocal harmonies and rhythmic acoustic instrumentation. Drawing inspiration from their Teesside heritage, the pair have released numerous albums and gained multiple nominations at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

St Andrew's is privileged to be included in their 2026 UK tour. This gig is likely to be a sell-out. Licensed bar available. Doors open 6.45pm.

MARTIN SIMPSON Thursday 15th October: 7.30pm

Not only is Martin Simpson one of the most highly respected British folk guitarists and singers, widely admired for his intricate fingerstyle playing and expressive interpretations of traditional songs, but he is another artist who is delighted to make a return visit to St Andrew's. Born in Scunthorpe, he has built an international reputation through solo recordings and collaborations across folk, blues and Americana. A frequent winner at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Simpson continues to perform and record, inspiring new generations with his technical mastery, storytelling and deep knowledge of traditional music.



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Martin has played St Andrew's a couple of times in the past few years and you are urged to secure your tickets early. Licensed bar available. Doors open 6.45pm.

GIGSPANNER BIGBAND Sunday 25th October: 7.30pm



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 characterised by riotous inventiveness, technically gifted

individual playing and subtle collaborative interaction.

2025 was a highlight year for the Band, marked by the release of their album Turnstone, which was nominated for the inaugural Folk Album of the Year 2025 Awards, and featured in several 'Album of the Year' listings, including esteemed music journal SONGLINES.

Licensed bar available. Doors open 6.45pm.

CHURCHFITTERS Saturday 19th December: 7.30pm



Celebrate the season with the Churchfitters Christmas Show 2026, a warm and spirited evening of traditional music, winter songs and good cheer. Blending lively folk tunes, heartfelt carols and stories that capture the magic of midwinter, the Churchfitters promise a festive gathering for all ages. Expect rich harmonies, sparkling acoustic playing and plenty of audience participation as the church fills with laughter, rhythm and Christmas spirit.

Once again, Churchfitters are another band who are returning to St Andrew's after their sell-out Christmas concert in December 2023.

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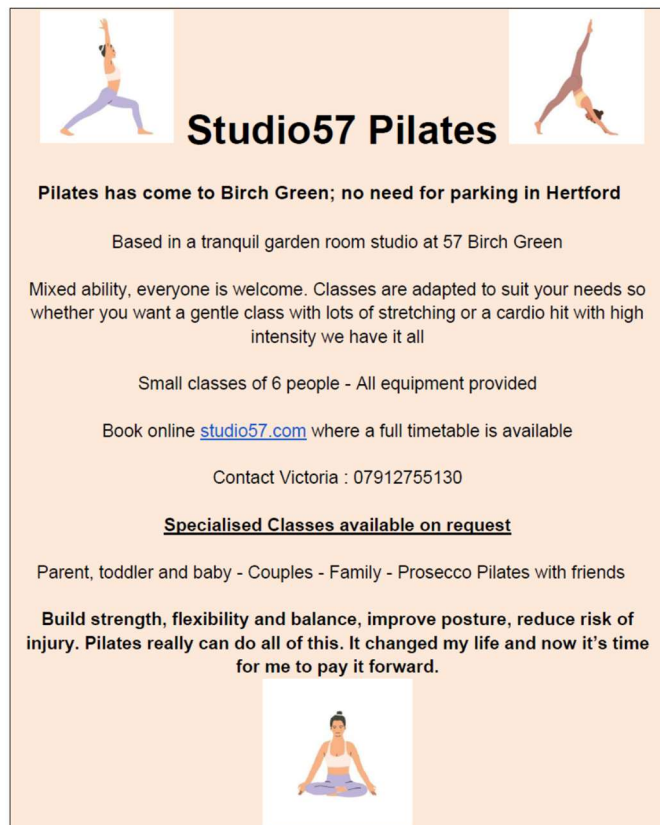
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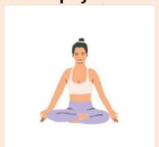


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ADDRESSING GOD

A prayer composed by Katie Seaton for a recent Soul Sunday service where we reflected on how we refer to and address God:

**God, the Great Life,
I can't define you**

- the infinite can't be framed -

**but maybe I can find hints of you:
in old stories that tell me new stories,
in new life that carries the imprint of old life,
in the way these things reflect and rotate around each other.**

**God, the one who transcends the world and is hidden within,
I can't understand you,
but maybe I can find hints of you
somewhere in the universe inside me
that is connected to billions more universes
inside people through the ages
by what we share.**

**Things like the feeling of sun on our skin,
or the pain of being excluded,
or moving together to music,
or the fierce instinct to shelter a child.**

**God, the Great Mystery,
Formless,
Revealed,
Pervading,
Shining,
The Doer,
Who sets things in motion,
The First Life,
The Most Giving,
The Great Mind,
Timeless Being,
Great Parent...**

**...the one with many names in all languages
...the one we are all hardwired to meet
inside ourselves**

**...and in other people
...dissolve into
...see ourselves anew with...
...and yet who we will never understand...
...this relationship is everything.**

**Will you remind us to know it,
be present to it,
but not try to grasp it?**

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SPECTACULAR SNETTISHAM SPECTACLE

Rosemary Willis returns with her nature rambles

I needed a break from what seems like work. I call it the scorched earth break - Everywhere is dry as a bone, wheat fields harvested way before August is out. Fear of fires everywhere. The Norfolk fields are so dry. Water! there must be some water. I'll go to Titchwell and Snettisham for a couple of days. There's plenty to see there.

Titchwell Marsh an RSPB reserve on the north Norfolk coast, normally so busy with as many flocks of people as birds, was like a ghost town by the sea: no people and not so many birds. The weather was perfect, a small breeze, sunny but not too hot. There are a few blacktailed godwits. They are waders with beautiful summer plumage and a ruddy brown chest. Nice to see. A spoonbill which we have become used to seeing and now breeding in Norfolk - the effects of global warming I believe. A great white Egret which again have become nearly common. I could spot bits and pieces. But it still felt empty. It felt very much as though I was missing out on something elsewhere.

I should have gone to Snettisham, another RSPB reserve situated on the Wash south of Hunstanton, earlier. When the tides are right, the sea comes right in to cover the Wash and all the thousands of birds fly to any pools or banks around the area to take a rest while the tide is high. When the tide is out the Wash is a huge mud larder, a smorgasbord for the thousands of birds that feed there.

Normally I can just about see knot on the horizon zipping along the sea edge. and several curlew feeding here and there on the mud; their beak naturally made for deep mud exploration.

I was surprised to see the birds still on the pools with the sea so far out. There were blacktailed godwits bunched together with no room, it seemed, for more. Knot were doing the same on another sandbank. Redshank, oyster catchers, turnstones, an array of waders filling every safe land space. The tide was well out and I wondered why they didn't make back to the mud flats to feed. It was only a hundred yards over the bank. Still, it gave me hours to sit and watch and enjoy the spectacle.

When groups of birds finally began to fly, I could hear the wind beneath their wings - very much like the starling murmuration - as they flew over me. There were godwits and knot flying in groups but nothing to amaze. After a few hours I started back to the car, just wandering. but keeping an eye out. I turned around to look back and there was a group of Spoonbills from nowhere, just above. 10, 20, no there must have been 30 of them not twenty feet above me.

Can you imagine what a spectacle that was? Thirty white birds with a 4 foot wingspan against the blue, blue sky. It was awesome.



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TALKING OUTREACH TO NEW COMMUNITIES

ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF JULY'S DEANERY SYNOD MEETING
DEANERY SYNOD REPORT – 16TH JULY 2026

The summer meeting of the Hertford and Ware Deanery Synod was held on the evening of 16th July at St Mary's Ware and attended by our Synod representatives Renee Booker and Jenny Aitken.

After a delicious barbecue Kath Oates (St Andrew's Hertford Lay Leader of Worship and Pioneer Enabler) spoke about our Outreach Project - a part of Deanery Development. Her team had visited all residents of Blakemore Manor, a new housing estate in Hertford comprising 110 newly built homes on a site where once thousands of poppies filled the land in early summer. They called with a welcome card containing Kath's email address and a packet of biscuits. They learned solo visiting was best, young more welcoming than the old, usefulness of dogs, problem of flats, and best visiting time. Conclusion – a worthwhile project, at least everyone now knew about St Andrew's and St Mary's and where they were. New estates are coming to Watton at Stone and Hunsdon. Kath would welcome your support on her journey.

The Deanery Synod meeting opened with Rev Mark Dunstan (Rural Dean) in the chair who began with prayers. Minutes were passed, no matters arising.

Our General Synod representative, Rev Rachel Wakefield, reported on the last General Synod Meeting in York. Many subjects were discussed: safeguarding, neurodiversity, being bolder, election rules, liturgical changes, and a bishop for 'Looked After' children and those in care. There are to be two new additions to the

What is the Deanery Synod?

The Deanery Synod is the church governance equivalent of a district council. It comprises elected lay members from the parishes and serving clergy.

Common Worship calendar – the Festival of Creation in Christ and the Commemoration of the Twenty-One Martyrs of Libya.

Mark reported on the last meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance. Matters discussed: parish share, clergy stipend, safeguarding, budgets, parish finance and interestingly 'being single in church'.

The meeting closed with prayers at 9.40pm.
Jenny & Renee

SPECTACULAR SNETTISHAM SPECTACLE continued

It was an odd view to see them with necks outstretched and legs straight out behind. Strangely it reminded me of the queen of hearts with her flamingos as croquet mallets.

I'd not even noticed one spoonbill on the pools, so who knows where they were. But who cares; they were flying over me. Some other birders came along. Did you see them I asked urgently? What? What?

The spoonbills! No, where? They were miles away nearing the sea by now. Vanishing in the distance. Too late. Just seconds and it's all over. The spectacle gone. I went home happy as can be. So look up, always look up! Look. There will be treasures to see.

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OUTREACH

UKRAINE helping Ukranian soldiers on the frontline

The boxes that were sent out last year were greatly appreciated by the soldiers and we have been asked if we can send out more.

These are the items that have been requested and that are being collected:

- Black Warm Knitted Hats
- Black Warm Knitted Gloves
- Black Socks (thermal if possible)
- Head torches (with batteries)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Tea lights
- Paracetamol
- Bars of Soap
- Chocolate bars

We need your donations by Tuesday 15th September please, so they can be sorted in time before departing for Ukraine. Please leave them at the back of St Andrew's Church, labelled 'for Ukraine'.

If you have any questions or would like more details, please speak to:

- Jane Chaplin (07758 072656)
- Julie Markey (07801 236003)

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 for the charity which St Andrew's supports.

These are some extracts from Julie's last two letters from Oruro, Bolivia.

Last month I wrote of all the local strikes and protests disrupting our lives now there is national unrest. All intercity roads out of La Paz have been blocked for the last three weeks. There are currently 54 points across the country blockaded and Oruro has the most blockades. There have been violent confrontations in La Paz and at least four people have died, one in the confrontations and three who were unable to receive appropriate medical treatment because of the blockades.

There are shortages in La Paz and to a lesser extent in Oruro because of the road closures and hospitals have been short of food and oxygen. There are solidarity flights for those trapped in the wrong place by the blockades.

The President has not said anything very reassuring faced with protesters calling

for his resignation. These include teachers, miners and factory workers. The court once again called for his arrest but there is no sign of him appearing yet.

I recently flew into Santa Cruz and had to clear immigration and customs before continuing to La Paz and had my luggage selected for revision as food showed up. A maximum of 5 kilograms of food are permitted. My bags only contained shortbread, teabags, mango chutney and powdered coconut milk so I was allowed through. The Bolivian girl at the next inspection point had cured meats, cheese and other items which all went into the large bin despite her attempts to come to some arrangement with the official. Meeting other people in the departure lounge for my onward flight I spoke to a lady who had tipped the porter 20 euros to avoid the revision so had saved all the food items she was carrying.

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FOODBANK NEWS

Newsletter

Issue No 16 – 19/08/2026



Your Support Has Never Mattered More

We Couldn't Do It Without You

Summer can be a difficult time for many families. As temperatures rise and the school holidays begin, household budgets can come under even greater pressure. With children at home for longer, food costs increase, while rising household bills continue to stretch already tight finances.

At our foodbank, we are seeing the impact of this need in our local community. At the same time, donations are currently lower than we have ever seen them.

Our foodbank simply could not continue to support local people without the incredible generosity of our community. Every donation — whether it's a bag of food, a few essential toiletries or a monetary gift — makes a real difference.

We know that times are difficult for many people, and we never take your generosity for granted. But if you are able to donate, please consider adding an extra item to your shopping, making a small financial donation, or organising a collection with friends, family or colleagues.

Together, we can make sure that when someone in our community needs help, there is somewhere safe, welcoming and non-judgemental for them to turn.

Thank you for standing with us and supporting our community. We genuinely couldn't do it without you.

Did you know?

Christians Against Poverty provides **FREE debt help** and life skills groups to support people struggling with poverty.

We are so grateful that Debs from Christians Against Poverty will continue to be at the foodbank from 10-11am once a month in Hertford; offering advice and help to those who need it. She'll next be in on **11th September 2026**.

Come join us for a cup of tea and a chat at The United Reformed Church, Cowbridge, Hertford, SG14 1PG

Harvest:

A Time To Share

Harvest is a time when communities come together to celebrate the food we have, give thanks for what we often take for granted, and think about those who may not have enough.

For foodbanks, Harvest is always a particularly meaningful time of year. It reminds us that food is something we can share — and that a small contribution from many people can make a huge difference to someone facing a difficult time.

As we head into this year's Harvest season, we'd love for you to get involved in whatever way works for you. This might be bringing in a few extra items during your weekly shop, organising a collection at your school, workplace, church or community group, or simply sharing our message with others.

There is no expectation to give more than you can afford. **Every donation, however small, is appreciated and helps us continue supporting people in our local community.**

If you are organising a Harvest collection, we would be delighted to hear from you and can provide information about the items we currently need most.

Harvest is ultimately about **community, gratitude and sharing what we have**. Thank you to everyone who helps us turn that spirit into practical support for people who need it.

Together, we can make sure that no one in our community has to face a difficult season alone.

"It isn't right that anyone should experience hunger or poverty"

St Andrew's Church will be supporting Hertford's Foodbank this Harvest time. See the information in this magazine about our All-Age Harvest Festival service on 11th October and items that are especially welcome which can be dropped off at the church before Saturday 10th October or brought along to the service.

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FOODBANK NEWS

USEFUL INFO

OPENING HOURS

Hertford @ The URC

Mon	10-11am
Tues	CLOSED
Wed	10-11am
Thurs	CLOSED
Fri	10-11am

Ware @ The Priory

Mon	CLOSED
Tues	10.30-11.30am
Wed	CLOSED
Thurs	10.30-11.30am
Fri	CLOSED

DONATION LOCATIONS

ASDA, Sainsburys & Tesco

hertfordwaredistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Bank the Food App

A free app which will let you know the items most needed at the Foodbank when you are at the supermarket.

Simply follow the food bank; the app can then send you a helpful 'ping' with the food banks' needs when you are shopping.

Download the App today.



KEEP UP TO DATE

For regular updates in addition to this newsletter please follow us on one of our social media outlets



[HertfordFoodBank](https://www.facebook.com/HertfordFoodBank)



[Hertforddistrictfoodbank1](https://www.instagram.com/Hertforddistrictfoodbank1)

Make Your Money Donation Go Further

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who supports our foodbank with monetary donations. Your generosity helps us provide much more than the food in our food parcels.

Donations help cover essential running costs such as rent and utilities and allows us to purchase fresh and specialist food items when needed.

If you're a UK taxpayer, please remember to **Gift Aid your donation**. Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra **25p for every £1 you donate**, at no additional cost to you.

Every donation helps us continue to provide a safe, welcoming and non-judgemental place for people in our community when they need support.

Thank you — your generosity really does make a difference.

A few interesting Stats!

Between 1st Jan – 31st July

- 16,259 kg of food donated to our foodbank
That's over 16 tonnes of food — roughly the equivalent of 3,250 bags of food! 🍌 How amazing is our community!
- We've given out 16,521kg of food during the same period
- 781 foodbank vouchers fulfilled, that's 1696 individuals supported, including 543 children.

**IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH A
TOUGH TIME AND YOU NEED SOME
SUPPORT, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU**



**CALL US ON
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IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY FOOD
SUPPORT**

***We want to see a future where food banks aren't needed
and we know that together, we can make that happen.***

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Services at St Andrew's

October 2026



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

	Date	Time	Service
Thursday	1	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 18</i>	4	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom
		7.00 pm	Soul Sunday: a Taizé service for Creation
Monday	5	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Wednesday	7	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Thursday	8	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
SUNDAY <i>Harvest Festival</i>	11	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	All Age Harvest Service
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom
Monday	12	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Wednesday	14	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Thursday	15	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service
SUNDAY <i>St Luke</i>	18	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom
Monday	19	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Wednesday	21	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Thursday	22	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
SUNDAY <i>Last of Trinity</i>	25	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Parish Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer at St Mary's Hertingfordbury
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom
Monday	26	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
Wednesday	28	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)
Thursday	29	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service

Services at St Andrew's

September 2026



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	Date	Time	Service	Celebrant	Preacher
Wednesday	2	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	3	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 14</i>	6	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Scott Martin	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Forbes Mutch
		10.30 am	No Zoom service today		
		7.00 pm	Soul Sunday in the St Andrew's Centre		
Monday	7	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	9	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Scott Martin	
Thursday	10	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 15</i>	13	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	Nick Hoyle	HeartEdge Sermon
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	14	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	16	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Alan Stewart	
Thursday	17	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
		10.30 am	Calton Court Communion Service	Rev Bill Church	
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 16</i>	20	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Alan Stewart	
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church	Rev Alan Stewart	Bishop Jane
		10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom	Kath Oates	HeartEdge Sermon
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	21	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	23	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Bill Church	
Thursday	24	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)		
SUNDAY <i>Trinity 17</i>	27	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	Nick Hoyle	Rev Alan Stewart
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer at St Mary's Hertingfordbury	Keith Neat	
		7.00 pm	Compline on Zoom	Rev Alan Stewart	
Monday	28	8.00 am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)		
Wednesday	30	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Traditional)	Rev Scott Martin	