

Gospel: Matthew 6. 25-34:

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you O Christ*

Next Week:

Monday 17

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19

10.30am Holy Communion
(Rev. Bill Church)

8.00pm Meditation & Mindfulness

Thursday 20

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Funeral of Peter Childs

9.30am Calton Court (Rev. Bill Church)

Sunday 23—Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (Rev. Bill Church)

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart
Preacher: Rev. Wendy Sellers

10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court
Led by Melanie Seward

3.30pm Evening Prayers (BCP) at St Mary's
Hertingfordbury

4.00pm Walk, Jog, Run meet at Hartham

6.00pm TMM Youth Group

Coronavirus: Please see the posters in church for precautionary advice from the Church of England to parishioners, in particular regarding Communion.

The St Andrew's Parish Magazine

Our church magazine contains lots of information about what's happening. And it's free! You can email the editor at hertfordsta@aol.co.uk with anything you would like considered for publication. Deadline for the March issue is Sunday 23 February.

Please note: Phil Probert is on leave next week (17-21 Feb) and the church office won't be open.

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16 February 2020 Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to St Andrew's, especially if you are visiting for the first time. Refreshments are served after the service — it would be lovely to meet you

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First reading: Romans 8. 18-25 (Andrew Rixon)

Gospel: Matthew 6. 25-34

Intercessions: Chris Seward

Chalice: Forbes Mutch, Laura Ramsay, Peter Risby

Additional bread administration: Carol Crowhurst

Hymns: **19** All my hope on God is founded
329 I will offer up my life
143 Father, I place into your hands
Behold the lamb (*words overleaf*)
403 Lord, for the years

Anthem: I give to you a new commandment—Nardone

Post-service Prayer Ministry

After the 10.30am service, members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be available to pray with you in the Chapel and the North Transept. Please see the pew leaflet for further information.

10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court
Led by Colin Crowhurst

3.00pm Church at 3 Dementia-friendly worship followed by afternoon tea

6.00pm TMM youth group

Young Children at St Andrew's

All children are welcome at St Andrew's, do not worry if yours make a bit of noise. Feel free to make use of the 'Children's Corner' during the service. Junior Church offers groups and activities for all children.

Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 8. 18-25:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

For the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us – and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Torn for you – eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you – drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond – and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

*Words and music by Keith & Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend*

Children at St Andrew's

Junior Church usually meets every Sunday except during the All-Age Service.

Shake After-School Club For school years 7-11. In St Andrew's Church, Tues in term time, 3.30-5.30pm. *Contact Tracy (07503 397545).*

TMM Youth Group For school years 6+. Sunday evenings at St Andrew's.

Sele Messy Church next meets 8 March! 3.00-4.30pm at Hertford St Andrew School, Calton Avenue SG14 2EP. Fun for all the family with stories, food + crafts! *Contact Rosemary (07713 139650) or Tracy (standrewstracy@gmail.com)*

Midweek Services

Wednesday Holy Communion Service

10.30am at St Andrew's

Meditation & Mindfulness Explore the riches of Christian meditation and how it fits with the practice and insights of mindfulness. No need to sign up in advance. Beginners welcome. First and third Wednesdays, 8.00pm. Next on 19 February.

Soul Space A quiet space to be still, with music, readings, mindfulness, silence and prayers. Second Wednesdays, 8.00pm. Next on 11 March.

Please pray for: *Barbara Wilbourn-Smith, Linda Radford, Colin Harding, Ellen Cook, Nan Tuck, Dennis Wiggins, Bernard Stack, Debbie, Al, Malini, Andy*

DATES & NOTICES...

Church at 3: Our dementia-friendly worship takes place at St Andrew's this afternoon, 3.00pm. The short service is followed by afternoon tea.

Thank you: Terry, Margaret and Julie thank Alan and the ladies who give up their time every month for Church at 3. Thank you to Laura for the lovely cakes. Terry asks every Sunday, 'Is it the service?'

Sunday stretch: 'Walk, jog, run' is a chance to get some fresh air, stretch those legs and have a chat. Meet at Hartham Skatepark at **4.00pm** for a walk, jog or run following the mile loop (feel free to do as much or as little as you want to). Fourth Sundays in the month—next meeting on **23 Feb**. All welcome, including friends/neighbours who don't attend church. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel: rloustewart@icloud.com.

The F Word: The Forgiveness Project is a free thought-provoking exhibition at Christ Church, New Road, Ware, from **Tue 25—Sun 29 February**. Now seen across the world by more than 70,000 people, the Exhibition features 23 moving stories from victims and perpetrators, exploring the option and process of giving and receiving forgiveness. For opening times, please see the posters in St Andrew's Church. www.theforgivenessproject.com

Ash Wednesday Services: There will be two services of ashing on **Wednesday 26 February**; 10.30am and 8.00pm, both with Holy Communion.

Hertford URC Quiz Supper: As part of the Lent Events season at Hertford churches, the URC are holding a Quiz Supper on **Saturday 29 February**, 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. Tickets are £8 and payment can be made on your table during the evening. Tables of 8. Please bring your own drinks with a glass. Ploughman's Supper included. If you have special dietary requirements please let your table organiser know or call 01992 586585.

Hymns and Cake: Hertford Churches Together encourages all local churches to hold a 'Lent Event' for Christian Aid. For the past three years Hertford Methodist Church has run 'Hymns & Cake' and they would be delighted if you could join them on **Sunday 1 March**, 3.00pm-4.30pm. If you'd like your favourite hymn to be included, please add it to the list at the back of St Andrew's, or email the first line to: minister@hertfordmethodist.org.uk

Sunday Social starts on 1 March: For parents and children in primary school (older siblings who'd like to come are welcome, too) with refreshments, games, crafts and activities. Sunday Social, 3.30-5.30pm on Sunday 1 March at St Andrew's. If you'd like to go along, please let Tracy know for catering purposes—thank you! Email: standrewstracy@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer 2020: This year's World Day of Prayer service, 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk', has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and will take place at Hertford URC at 10.30am on **Friday 6 March**. All welcome.