

## Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## Next Week:

### Monday 2

8.30am Morning Prayer  
12.30pm Let's Pray for our Town Baptist Church  
1.30pm Funeral of Glenn Reardon

### Tuesday 3

3.30pm SHAKE After-School Club

### Wednesday 4

10.30am Holy Communion (Rev. Bill Church)  
8.00pm Meditation and Mindfulness

### Thursday 5

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Toddler Group  
9.30am Calton Court (Rev. Bill Church)  
12.30pm Funeral of Phyllis Game  
Hertford Cemetery

### Friday 6

9.00am Sele Farm Toddlers St Andrew's School  
10.30am World Day of Prayer Service  
Hertford United Reformed Church  
11.00am Funeral of Jill Wright Woollensbrook

### Saturday 7

8.00am Breakfast followed by  
8.30am Breathe Prayer Gathering  
10.30am Coffee Morning in aid of Mudlarks

### Sunday 8 – Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (Rev. Alan Stewart)  
10.30am Holy Communion—ALL AGE  
with Holy Baptism of Elodie Nicholas  
Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Alan Stewart  
10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court  
Led by Rev. Bill Church  
12.30pm Holy Baptism of Dennis Peter Janes  
3.00pm Messy Church at St Andrew's School  
6.00pm TMM Youth Group

## CONTACTS

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## Hertford St Andrew Messenger

faith hope love

1 March 2020

First Sunday of 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: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Geoff Oates

First reading: Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7 (Harold Chaplin)

Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11

Intercessions: Frances Cracknell

Chalice: Jane Cohen, Maria Henriksson-Bell,  
Peter Ruffles

Hymns: 354 Jesus shall reign  
173 Forty days and forty nights  
175 From heav'n you came  
373 Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us  
554 Praise to the Holiest

Anthem: O God, you search me—Bernadette Farrell

### 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 Stephane McCarthy

**3.00pm LENT EVENT Hymns & Cake**

Hertford Methodist Church—come along and sing, listen, or just enjoy the cakes

**3.30pm Sunday Social** at St Andrew's

**6.00pm TMM Youth Group**

**7.00pm Soul Food** Café-style evening worship—  
'Stones, rocks and mountaintops'

### 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:** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7:

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;

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but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*For the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God***

## ABOUT US...

### 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 on 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 & insights of mindfulness. Next on 4 March.

**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, Dennis Wiggins, Mark Johnson, Bernard Stack, Gillian MacKenna, Linda Radford, Nan Tuck, Colin Harding, Ellen Cook, Beila, Al, Andy, Debbie, Malini*

**Rest in Peace:** *Glenn Reardon, Jill Wright, Phyllis Game, Ron Wright*

## CALL FOR EXHIBITS

### Railway Day – Saturday 13 June

The event will be held in St Andrew's from 10.30am to 4.30pm. We envisage a mix of about six model railway layouts, static railway models such as Meccano, railwayana, pictures and films.

There will also be children's activities and refreshments / light lunches.

#### Have you got anything of interest which could be exhibited at the show?

We are looking for anything railway-themed: this could be an exhibit with a special story attached or even something you have made. If you have something to exhibit or would like further information, please contact Kath & Geoff Oates: *01992 535805 / oates13@virginmedia.com.*

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

## St Andrew's Coffee Morning

**Saturday 7 March, 10.30am-12.30pm**

Our Welcome Team are running the March Coffee Morning in aid of Mudlarks, the Hertford-based charity supporting adults and young people with learning disabilities and mental health issues. Mudlarks runs five local projects - from allotments in Cromwell Road, the café in Railway Street to helping elderly residents with their gardens.

*Donations of tombola prizes, especially gardening-related ones, would be welcomed by any Welcome Team member.*

**Sunday Social starts today** for parents and children in primary school—with refreshments, games, crafts and activities. 3.30-5.30pm at St Andrew's. *Tracy: standrewstracy@gmail.com*

## Lent events

**'Saying Yes to Life':** Churches Together Herts will be meeting to learn & pray together with a Lent Course based on Ruth Valerio's book, *Saying Yes to Life*. Ideal for those keen to take action on Climate Change and Caring for God's Creation. Tuesdays **3 March** (St Augustine's, Broxbourne), **17 March** (St Catherine & St Paul, Hoddesdon) and **7 April** (St Cuthbert's, Rye Park). All sessions 7.30-9.30pm. More details are on flyers in church.

**'From now on':** The Hertford & District Churches Together Lent Study Course is on Hope & Redemption and is based on the film *The Greatest Showman*. Each week there will be a clip of the film to watch and then time to split into small groups for discussion, including a Bible passage to explore. **Sundays, 4.00pm, 8 March—5 April** at Hertford Methodist Church. Each week is stand-alone, so don't worry if you can't attend every time.

**A Quiet Day in Lent:** Take time for short, guided reflections, followed by time to relax, read or enjoy the gardens. From 10.00am—3.00pm on **Saturday 21 March** at The Grove, Bengoe. Just bring a packed lunch. *Please contact Phil to book: 01992 504373; standrew.hertford@btinternet.com.*

### Celebrate The World Day of Prayer this

**Friday:** This year's World Day of Prayer service is called 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk', and has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. The service is at Hertford URC, 10.30am on **Friday 6 March**. This is a family service and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Stop... Pray... Breathe:** Our monthly prayer gathering is this **Saturday, 7 March—8.00am** for breakfast in the St Andrew's Centre then an hour of prayer in the Chapel from 8.30am.

**Let's Pray for our Town** is a regular meeting for all who wish to pray for the people of Hertford and for God's kingdom to come in this place and in the lives of our neighbours and friends. **First Monday of the month**, 12.30-1.30pm, at Hertford Baptist Church.

**Items needed:** We are in need of a blender and a popcorn maker for Shake and TMM. If you could donate, or would be willing to purchase, either of these items, please speak to Tracy. Thank you!