

Gospel: John 4. 5-42 [..... verses 17-38 not printed here]:

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

Next Week:

Monday 16

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 17

3.30pm SHAKE After-School Club

7.30pm Lent Study Course (2) 'Saying Yes to Life' at St Catherine & St Paul, Hoddesdon

Wednesday 18

10.30am Holy Communion (Rev. Bill Church)

8.00pm Meditation & Mindfulness

Thursday 19

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Toddler Group

9.30am Calton Court (Rev. Bill Church)

7.30pm Visiting Bell Ringers ringing for 1 hour

Saturday 21

10.00am Quiet Day at The Grove

Sunday 22 — Fourth Sunday of Lent—

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (Rev. Bill Church)

10.30am Holy Communion—ALL-AGE SERVICE

Celebrant: Rev. Wendy Sellers

Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court

Led by Richard West

3.30pm Evening Prayer St Mary's Hertingfordbury

4.00pm LENT EVENT Lent Study Course (2)

at Hertford Methodist Church

6.00pm TMM Youth Group

No one belongs here more than you

Hertford St Andrew Messenger

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15 March 2020

Third 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)

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First reading: Romans 5. 1-5 (Sue Mulligan)

Gospel: John 4. 5-42

Intercessions: Harold Chaplin

Hymns: **311** In Christ there is no east or west
81 Brother, sister let me serve you
22 All people that on earth do dwell
768 Jesus, remember me
268 He's got the whole world in his hand

Anthem: Wash me thoroughly—SS Wesley

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 Geoff Oates

3.00pm Church at 3 Dementia-friendly worship followed by Afternoon Tea

4.00pm LENT EVENT Lent Study Course (1) at Hertford Methodist Church

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: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Romans 5. 1-5: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Mothering Sunday Service

Join us **next Sunday** for our 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service at St Andrew's. At this special All-Age Service, with choir and organ, the children give a plant to every woman in the congregation and the names of those who have been baptised at St Andrew's in the last year will be read out.

ABOUT US...

Communion

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion and anyone, regardless of their faith, is welcome to receive a blessing. There are two Communion Stations: one at the Altar and one by the kitchen at the end of the south aisle. Children will be offered a grape at the communion rail.

Children at St Andrew's

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

Bubbles

0-4 year olds

Splash

Key Stage 1 (4-7 year olds)

Ripples

Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds)

Deeper

Secondary School (11 year olds and up)

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 19 April 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. No need to sign up in advance. Next meeting on 18 March.

Soul Space A quiet space to be still, with music, readings, mindfulness, silence and prayers. Second Wednesdays, 8.00pm. Next on 8 April, Holy Week.

Please pray for: *Debbie, Barbara Wilbourn-Smith, Andy, Nan Tuck, Al, Gillian MacKenna, Malini, Mark Johnson, Bernard Stack, Dennis Wiggins, Linda Radford, Carol Crowhurst*

Rest in Peace: *Ronald Wright, Margaret Archer*

Dates & Notices

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—the deadline for the April issue is **Sunday 22 March**.

Revision of Electoral Roll: If you would like to be on St Andrew's Electoral Roll but are not currently, please complete a form to be found at the back of the church by the entrance. A list of the names currently on the Roll is available at the back of the church during 10.30am Sunday services. If you'd like to check your details on the Roll or you no longer wish to be on the Roll, please let us know. *Speak to Carol Muhr, Clerk to the PCC, or Phil Probert, Parish Administrator.*

Lent events

'From now on': The Hertford & District Churches Together Lent Study Course is on Hope & Redemption, based on the film *The Greatest Showman*. Each week there will be a clip of the film to watch and then time for small group 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.

'Saying Yes to Life': Churches Together Herts meets to learn & pray together with a Lent Course based on Ruth Valerio's book, *Saying Yes to Life*. Continuing Tuesday **17 March** (St Catherine & St Paul, Hoddesdon) and **7 April** (St Cuthbert's, Rye Park), 7.30-9.30pm. More info on flyers in church.

A Quiet Day in Lent: In the busyness of life, an opportunity to prepare and reflect in beautiful surroundings. On **Saturday 21 March**, 10.00am–3.00pm at The Grove, Bengoe. All you need to bring is a packed lunch. *To book: 01992 504373; standrew.hertford@btinternet.com.*

Iona Prayers: A short service of contemplative Prayers and Poems from Iona at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, 9.00am on **Saturday 28 March**. With tea, coffee and croissants. Part of Hertford and District Churches Together's Lent Events, in support of Christian Aid. All welcome.

Ground Faith Day: On **Saturday 28 March**, 10.00am–2.00pm, we will devote time to giving the church and gardens some TLC. If you can spare some time, please come along and bring any tools that may be helpful. Refreshments and light lunch provided. *Sue and Jane, Churchwardens*

Searching for Faith is a short, informal course exploring the Christian faith. Meeting at 8.00pm on **Mondays 20, 27 April; 4, 18 May; 1, 8 June at 8.00-9.15pm.** *Contact Alan (01992 582726; h.alanstewart1@gmail.com).*

Fairport Convention - tickets selling fast!

The legendary Fairport Convention will be LIVE at St Andrew's for the latest of our 'big gigs' on **Friday 8 May**, playing music from across their huge back catalogue as well as contemporary releases. Tickets (£25) and are selling fast — on sale via ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church.

Pop gear: It would be great if anyone could donate, or would be willing to purchase, a popcorn maker for use at Shake, TMM and Junior Church. If you can help, please speak to Tracy. Thank you!

COVID-19

We are following guidance from the Church of England, which is being updated regularly.

Please see the notices in church regarding taking Communion, offering the Peace and using hand sanitiser and listen for spoken notices given by clergy during services.