

Welcome

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.

**No one belongs here
more than you**

Children and Families

*All children are welcome at
St Andrew's, do not worry
if yours make a bit of noise.*

**Junior Church returns on
7 Sept** and usually meets every
Sunday in term time except
during the All-Age Service.

**TMM Youth Group
returns on 21 Sept**

For School Years 6+.

Twice a month on Sundays
in term time, 4.30-6.00pm.

**Please see our website
for more details.**

Supporting St Andrew's

If you would like to support
the work of our church, there
is a **contactless card reader** by
the church entrance or you can
donate to our Barclays account:
Hertford St Andrew PCC
A/C No: 50715050
Sort Code: 20-20-37



** Please consider
regular giving
and using Gift Aid*
Speak to our Joint
Treasurers, Judy
& Nick Sharman



31 August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

*Prayer Ministry is offered during the service – please
see the small booklet in church for more details*

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First Reading: Hebrews 13. 1-8

(Joyce Kamau)

Gospel: Luke 14. 1, 7-14

Intercessions: Charles Ledsam

Chalice: Jennie Gray

Lesley Self, Laura Ramsay

Hymns

402 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour

557 Purify my heart

175 From heav'n you came

288 I cannot tell

48 At the name of Jesus

***Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom
returns on 7 September. Until then...***

there's *Sunday Worship* on BBC Radio 4 at
8.10am (also on BBC Sounds); *Songs of Praise*
on BBC1, usually at lunchtime on Sundays (also
on iPlayer); and a weekly Church of England
online service, from 9.00am on Sundays:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services

More details: www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/zoom

Collect and Readings

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

First Reading:

Hebrews 13. 1-8

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 14. 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Bike 'n Hike in Beds 'n Herts

Bike 'n' Hike 2025

Saturday 13 September

Have fun cycling or walking to churches and chapels in your area at the same time as raising funds for your church or chapel. Please speak with Peter Ruffles for more information.

Bike 'n' Hike Welcome

If you can help by being a welcoming face to visitors at St Andrew's on 13 September (any time between 9.00am – 5.00pm), please contact Carol Muhr.

The Irish Wake:

A talk by Rev. Alan Stewart

Wednesday 24 September, 7.30pm

How the Irish teach us to live, love and die. Refreshments served from 7.00pm.

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/theirishwake

Sponsor a hymn book

We've purchased two new melody hymn books for use by the congregation. We would like to buy two more, as well as a full music version – would you consider making a donation for the cost of a book and dedicate the book in memory of a loved one? Please speak to one of the Churchwardens.

Thank you

News and Notices

coffee morning

**SATURDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER**

10.30AM – 12.30PM

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Raffle ❖ Fairtrade coffee
& home-made cakes

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SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING

If you have any **second-hand books** (good quality fiction or non-fiction) or **costume jewellery** you can donate, please leave items in the office or at the back of the church labelled for the 'SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING'.

Thank you

Beautiful antique bureau/writing desk needs a new home

Please speak to Laura Ramsay if you're interested (07836 725135).

Many of our regular activities and services are returning soon after a summer break:

Mindfulness & Meditation 3 Sept **Toddler Group** 4 Sept **Breathe** 6 Sept
Soul Food 7 Sept **Junior Church** 7 Sept **Compline** 14 Sept **TMM** 21 Sept

Please pray for: Hazel Taylor, Edward Palmer,
Yvonne Norris, Mick Wallis, Georgina Laval,
Robert Ramsay, Pauline Rhodes, Paul Roe,
Alexander, Phoebe, Lucy, Dino, Joy, Judy
*Mary Horne gives thanks to Almighty God for the measure
of recovery thus far granted to her, and thanks St Andrew's
people for their 'get well' wishes and encouragement*
In Years' Mind: Winifred Kemp, Walter Simpson,
Andrew Davies, Nell Lloyd, Jill Scott-Haughton

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 1 September

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday 3

10.30am **Holy Communion** *Rev. Bill Church*

7.30pm **Mindfulness & Meditation** in person at
St Andrew's Church and on ZOOM

Thursday 4

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

10.00am **Delta Dames Home Group** in the Chapel

Saturday 6

8.30am **Breathe prayer gathering** in the Chapel and
on ZOOM

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

Sunday 7

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reflection: Maria Henriksson-Bell,

Lay Leader of Worship

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Maria Henriksson-Bell (recorded)

Soul Food - Evening Worship

Sunday 7 September, 7.00pm

in the St Andrew's Centre

'Hungry?' Led by Claire Goodman

The gospels are full of stories of meals where Jesus
was (and wasn't) welcome. We'll discuss what
nourishes us when we're hungry to know more or
when everything tastes the same.

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