

# 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**

## Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is offered  
during the 10.30am service –  
please see the small booklet  
in church for details.

## Children and Families

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

**Junior Church** usually  
meets every Sunday in  
term time except during  
the All-Age Service.  
**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



## 30 November 2025

### First Sunday of Advent



## 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

## 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First reading: Isaiah 2. 1-5 (Michael Cracknell)

Gospel: Matthew 24. 36-44

Intercessions: Frances Cracknell

Chalice: Forbes Mutch,

Frances Wilby, Lesley Self

## Hymns

**261** Here in this place

**428** Love divine

**236** Great is the darkness

**334** Jesus, be the centre

**310** In Christ alone

**171** Forth in the peace of Christ we go

**Antem:** Veiled in Darkness-Glenn L. Rudolph

## 6.30pm Advent Evening Service

### 'Light into Darkness'

Rev. Alan Stewart *A candlelit service with  
music, led by our Choir, and readings to help  
reflect on the meaning of Advent. Followed by  
refreshments*

## Online via Zoom today

### 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

**Leader:** Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

**Sermon:** Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

**[Compline returns next Sunday, 7 Dec]**

*Zoom links are emailed and on our website*

# Responses, Collect and Readings



## Prayer for lighting of the Advent candle



A candle burns, the sign of our hope.  
God of hope, come to us again this  
Advent. May your hope live within  
us, burning as a light in our lives.

**Collect:** Almighty God, as your  
kingdom dawns, turn us from  
the darkness of sin to the light  
of holiness, that we may be  
ready to meet you in our Lord  
and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



## Will you come and see the light *words by Brian Wren*



Will you come and see the light from the stable door?

It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.

It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are.

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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## First Reading: Isaiah 2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days  
to come the mountain of the Lord's  
house shall be established as the highest  
of the mountains, and shall be raised  
above the hills; all the nations shall  
stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain  
of the Lord, to the house of the God of  
Jacob; that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.' For  
out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and  
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations, and  
shall arbitrate for many peoples; they  
shall beat their swords into loughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation, neither shall they learn war any  
more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in  
the light of the Lord!

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

## Gospel: Matthew 24. 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one  
knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor  
the Son, but only the Father. For as the  
days of Noah were, so will be the coming of  
the Son of Man. For as in those days before  
the flood they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage, until the  
day Noah entered the ark, and they knew  
nothing until the flood came and swept  
them all away, so too will be the coming  
of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the  
field; one will be taken and one will be  
left. Two women will be grinding meal  
together; one will be taken and one will be  
left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not  
know on what day your Lord is coming. But  
understand this: if the owner of the house  
had known in what part of the night the  
thief was coming, he would have stayed  
awake and would not have let his house  
be broken into. Therefore you also must  
be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at  
an unexpected hour.'

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

# News and Notices

## RICHARD DURRANT



### SONGS OF THE SOLSTICE

**Fantastic festive folk music**

Doors open 6.30pm - licensed bar available

**THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025**

**7.30pm at St Andrew's Church,  
Hertford SG14 1HZ**

**Tickets from**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church)



## coffee morning

**SATURDAY  
6TH DECEMBER  
10.30AM - 12.30PM**

**ST ANDREW'S  
CHURCH  
HERTFORD  
SG14 1HZ**

Christmas cards, gifts,  
crafts and nearly-new  
toys | Raffle | Live music

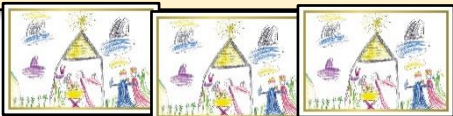


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[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk)

## PTA Bake Sale

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

On **Sunday 14 December**, we welcome the St Andrew's Primary School PTA as they hold a fundraising Bake Sale after the 10.30am service!



**Our 2025 parish Christmas cards  
are ready to deliver!**

We rely on volunteers to deliver our Christmas cards around the parish - if you're able to help that would be fantastic. Thank you! Please take a bundle from the back of the church and post during the coming week.

## Take Note Choir A Winter Celebration

Conductor - Sam Chaplin

*"An evening of festive choir singing  
and audience fun."*

Take Note is the adult community choir  
based at Simon Balle School.

**7.30pm, Saturday 6th December  
St Andrews Church  
Hertford  
SG14 1HZ**

**Tickets: £10 (£8 Concession)**

Includes mulled wine and a mince pie  
Available to buy on the door with cash only

**In aid of the Choir With No Name**

[music@simonballe.herts.sch.uk](mailto:music@simonballe.herts.sch.uk)

**Simon  
Balle  
Music**

**Please pray for:** Paul Roe, Robert Ramsay, Denise, Lucy, Hazel Taylor, Valerie Morey, Phoebe, Edward Palmer, Alexander, Joy, Dino, Maureen Kelly, Carol Moules, Chris Haws, Pauline Rhodes, Georgina Laval

**Rest in Peace:** Judy Ford, Barry Lee

**In Year's Mind:** Betty Hickman, John Pendleton, Vic Stallabrass, Dorrie Robertson, George Smith, John Caunter, Thomas Smith, Vi Marchant

## **Breathe Prayer Gathering**

**8.30am on Saturday 13 December**

Once a month, we gather for Breathe - a chance to pray together about ourselves and our lives, our churches and our world.

**We meet in person in the Lady Chapel at St Andrew's or, if you prefer, you can join online - Breathe is livestreamed on Zoom.**

## **St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead**

### **Monday 1**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Wednesday 3**

10.30am **Patronal Eucharist with service of healing**

*Rev. Alan Stewart*

7.00pm **Cub Scout visit** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

### **Thursday 4**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

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

### **Friday 5**

2.00pm **Memorial Service for Barry Lee**

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

### **Saturday 6**

**[Breathe Prayer Gathering is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>]**

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

3.00pm **Take Note rehearsals**

7.30pm **Take Note: A Winter Celebration**

### **Sunday 7**

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart*

*Reflection: Forbes Mutch, Lay Leader of Worship*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship** on Zoom

*Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge*

7.00pm **Compline** on Zoom

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