

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



7 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Forbes Mutch,
Lay Leader of Worship

First reading: Isaiah 11. 1-10
(Chrissy Barclay)

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

Intercessions: Charles Ledsam

Chalice: Jennie Gray,
Maria Henriksson-Bell, Peter Ruffles

Hymns

244 Hail to the Lord's anointed

513 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

679 Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

329 I will offer up my life

455 My Jesus, My Saviour

205 God is working his purpose out

Antem: A Tender Shoot – Otto
Goldschmidt

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge

7.00pm Compline Rev. Alan Stewart

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 your Word.
God of the prophets, come to us again this
Advent. **May your Word be a lamp to
our feet and a light on our path.**

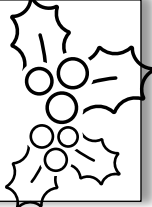
Collect: Almighty God, purify our
hearts and minds, that when your
Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour we may be
ready to receive him, who is our
Lord and our God. Amen



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

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed.
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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First Reading: Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of
Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his
roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on
him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel and
might, the spirit of knowledge and the
fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in
the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear; but with
righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of
the earth; he shall strike the earth with
the rod of his mouth, and with the breath
of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around
his waist, and faithfulness the belt
around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the
leopard shall lie down with the kid, the
calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them. The cow
and the bear shall graze, their young
shall lie down together; and the lion shall
eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the
hole of the asp, and the weaned child
shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my
holy mountain; for the earth will be full
of the knowledge of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as
a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be
glorious.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in
the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near.' This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The
voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of
camel's hair with a leather belt around his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and
all Judea were going out to him, and all the
region along the Jordan, and they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned
you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear
fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume
to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as
our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able
from these stones to raise up children to
Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the
root of the trees; every tree therefore
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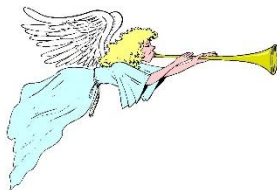
that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

News and Notices




Great choral classics
celebrating Christmas
performed by the
Hertford-based choir

The programme will last about an hour

CHOIR18

Boris Ord ~ Adam lay ybounden
Warlock ~ Benedicamus Domino
Rachmaninov ~ Bogoroditsye (Ave Maria)
Miller ~ Let there be peace on earth
Scriven ~ Christ the Appletree
Basil Smallman ~ The birds
Britten ~ Hymn to the Virgin

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 3.00
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HERTFORD

Admission no charge ... collection for  **Isabel Hospice**
together we care



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

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



Christmas at St Andrew's

Mon 15 Dec

A Mindful Christmas 7.30pm

Short candlelit service to reflect, recharge and find comfort

Sat 20 Dec

Beer & Carols 3.30-5.30pm

Family-friendly drop-in with carols, beer and mulled wine

Sun 21 Dec

Lessons & Carols (on Zoom) 10.30am

Mon 22 Dec

Lessons & Carols 7.30pm

Candlelit service followed by mulled wine

Christmas Eve

Crib and Christingle 11am

Crib and Christingle 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.15pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8am

Christmas Communion for all ages 10.30am

Plans are subject to change so please check our website for the latest information

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

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

Rest in Peace: Judy Ford

In Year's Mind: Henrietta Moody, Joan Nott,
Reg O'Smotherly, Eileen Burns

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 8

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday 10

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

2.00pm **St Andrew's Primary School**

Christmas Service *Rev. Alan Stewart*

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

Thursday 11

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.30pm **Holy Communion at Calton Court**

6.00pm **Powell's Christmas Memorial Service**

Friday 12

Over-60s Christmas Lunch

Friday 12 December,

12.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre

Lunch is free, but donations gratefully accepted.
Places must be booked in advance with Jo (07572
281845) to ensure everyone is catered for.

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

7.30pm **Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir** at
St Mary's Hertingfordbury

Saturday 13

8.30am **Breathe Prayer Gathering** in the Chapel and
livestreamed on ZOOM

Sunday 14

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Bill Church*

10.30am **All-Age Holy Communion + Bake Sale**
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge

1.30pm **Choir18 rehearsal**

3.00pm **Choir18 Christmas Concert**

7.00pm **Compline on ZOOM** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

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