

# 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



**11 January 2026**

The Baptism of Christ  
(First Sunday of Epiphany)

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Rev. Scott Martin

**10.30am ALL-AGE Holy Communion**

*(all words will be on the screen)*

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reading: Proverbs 3. 5-6

Chalice: Nick Sharman,  
Jenny Mutch, Carol Crowhurst

**Hymns (on screen)**

For all that you have done for us

**455** My Jesus, my Saviour

**64** Be thou my vision

**137** Faithful One

**692** We are marching in the light of God

**Online via Zoom today**

**10.30am Sunday Morning Worship**

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Rev. Scott Martin

**7.00pm Compline** Rev. Alan Stewart

*Zoom links are emailed and on our website*

**We'd love to keep in touch with you**

If you'd like to receive emails about what's happening at St Andrew's, please fill in our consent form (available at the back of the church), scan the QR code (right) or go to:

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



# Reading and Notices

## Reading: Proverbs 3. 5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

*'Is there more to life than this?'*

*'Who was Jesus and why did he die?'*

*'Why pray?'*

*'How do I read the Bible?'*



## Exploring Faith

A short informal discussion course exploring the Christian faith.

An opportunity to think through the big questions of life.

**8pm on Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February  
at The Brace Room, St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury**

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### Exploring Faith: What's it like? Let these former attendees explain...

'As somebody who was returning to Christianity after a long period, this turned out to be the perfect course for me. It was so refreshing to be in an open group where no question was a silly question. Within five minutes, I realised that not only did everybody share similar beliefs, but they also had the same doubts and questions as I did. Alan made me feel incredibly comfortable, so I would highly recommend it!'

'I found the course really helpful, particularly for ideas of how to answer people's questions when challenged about my faith.'

'This is a course for those who, like me, feel self-conscious about discussing their faith and embarrassed about their ignorance. You quickly discover that you are not alone and you are soon interacting with the rest of the group in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere under Alan's expert guidance. I enjoyed it very much and learned a lot!'

# News and Notices

## Confirmation at St Andrew's Tuesday 27 January, 7.30pm

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself.

Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

The Bishop of Hertford is coming to St Andrew's on Tuesday 27 January to conduct a Service of Confirmation. It's an incredibly powerful moment when the Bishop lays their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to become everything God made you to be.

If you're interested in exploring this, please speak to Rev Alan ([h.alanstewart1@gmail.com](mailto:h.alanstewart1@gmail.com); 01992 582726).

If you're already confirmed, please come along on 27 January and support those being confirmed.

## THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to all those who helped in any way with services and events over the Advent and Christmas period. We welcomed hundreds through our doors and we simply couldn't offer the amazing hospitality and expression of God's love to others without you.

## Hertford Children's Choir



**FREE TRIALS**

09.01.26  
16.01.26

Book now at [www.tinyurl.com/hertfordchildrenschoir](http://www.tinyurl.com/hertfordchildrenschoir)

BEAM - Hertford Castle - St Andrew's - EcoFest - St Paul's Cathedral



**Away Day 2026**

**Save the Date!**

**Our Away Day this year  
will be on Sunday 10 May**

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

**Breathe on Saturday 17 January,  
8.30am in the Chapel and on Zoom**

At our next prayer gathering, we'll be focussing on praying for our schools, our work with young people and the work of Future Hope and Young Life.

**Please pray for:** Sienna, Denise, Lucy, Dino, Joy,

Phoebe, Alexander, Robert Ramsay, Paul Roe,  
Carol Moules, Hazel Taylor, Georgina Laval,  
Pauline Rhodes, Maureen Kelly

**Rest in Peace:** Clare Gittings, Reg Harman

**In Year's Mind:** Philip Harding,

Forbes Mutch (Snr), Ethel Mary Walls,  
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## St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

### Monday 12

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

7.45pm **PCC Meeting** in the St Andrew's Centre

### Wednesday 14

10.30am **Holy Communion** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

### Thursday 15

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.30am **Holy Communion** at Calton Court

### Friday 16

5.00pm **Children's Choir**

### Saturday 17

8.30am **Breathe Prayer Gathering** in the Chapel  
and live streamed on Zoom

### Sunday 18

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

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart*

*Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

*Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Sermon: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded)*

7.00pm **Compline** on ZOOM

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