

# 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



**18 January 2026**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

## 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

## 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader

First reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9  
(Joan Cheesman)

Gospel: John 1. 29-42

Intercessions: Frances Cracknell

Chalice: Forbes Mutch

Julie Markey, Laura Ramsay

## Hymns

**179** From the sun's rising

**644** There is a Redeemer

**487** O Happy Day

**368** Just as I am

**125** Crown him with many crowns

**Anthem:** O God, you search me

– Bernadette Farrell

## Online via Zoom today

### 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded)

**7.00pm Compline** Rev. Alan Stewart

**Zoom links are emailed and on our website**

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

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)



# Collect and Readings

**Collect:** Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **First Reading:**

### **1 Corinthians 1. 1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*For the Word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God***

### **Gospel: John 1. 29-42**

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but

I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*

***Praise to you, O Christ***

## PRAYER EVENT

23-24 January  
5.00pm-5.00pm  
in the Chapel at  
St Andrew's.  
Details here

### Fundraising at our Coffee Morning

Our January Coffee Morning raised a whopping £780! This goes towards the Choir and Organ Fund, and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this total. A sterling effort!

# News and Notices

HERTFORD CHURCHES TOGETHER

## Prayer Event

### 24 hours of non-stop prayer

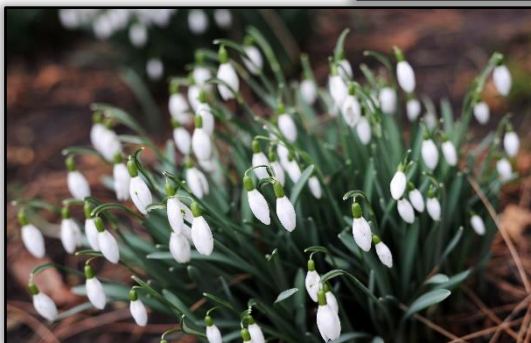
Time to Pray in the side chapel at St. Andrew's Church  
Space to Connect with God and to Pray for our Town

Sign up for yourself, with a friend or with your family  
Book your hour prayer slot via the 24/7 website  
[24-7 Prayer International - Sign-Up](#)



BEGINS 23.01.2026 | 5:00PM  
ENDS 24.01.2026 | 5:00PM

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
HERTFORD. SG14 1HZ



### Snowdrop Garden – last time?

The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open for what may be **the final time** this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. All proceeds support the **Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust**.

**When:** 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb, 2–4pm

**Where:** Abbey Gate House,  
Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD

**Entry:** £5 per adult

*Enjoy the garden's early spring beauty and help care for our historic churches.*

## coffee morning

SATURDAY  
7TH FEBRUARY  
10.30AM – 12.30PM

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

### Wellbeing activities

- Accessible Chair Yoga
  - Mindfulness
  - Puzzles and games
  - Art for adults & children
  - Hertfordshire Health Walks stand
- + Fairtrade coffee & home-baked cakes

RAISING FUNDS FOR MIND  
AND ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk)



**Please pray for:** Maureen Kelly, Robert Ramsay, Georgina Laval, Carol Moules, Hazel Taylor, Pauline Rhodes, Paul Roe, Alexander, Denise, Sienna, Lucy, Dino, Joy, Phoebe

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

**In Year's Mind:** Alan Ledsam, Bessie Louise Akers, Tom Ruffles, Margaret Pearl Aitken

**The Thanksgiving Service for Reg Harman** will be held at All Saints' Church, Queens Road, Hertford on Tuesday 27 January at 1.00pm.

## St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

### *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

#### **Monday 19**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

#### **Wednesday 21**

10.30am **Holy Communion** Rev. Scott Martin

#### **Thursday 22**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

#### **24-Hour Prayer Event in the Chapel:**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – see notice**

#### **Friday 23**

5.30pm **Children's Choir** (under the bell tower)

#### **Sunday 25**

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: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Reflection: Forbes Mutch (recorded)*

5.00pm **Rehearsal for Service of Confirmation**

6.30pm **Evening Prayer (BCP)** at St Mary's led by Keith Neat: *A quiet and traditional act of worship with readings, prayers and hymns.*

7.00pm **Compline** on ZOOM

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