

# 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**



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Speak to our Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick Sharman



## 25 January 2026

The Conversion of Paul (Saul)

### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

### 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reflection: Forbes Mutch,

Lay Leader of Worship

First reading: Acts 9. 1-22 (Debbie Ledsam)

Gospel: Matthew 19. 27-end

Intercessions: Rod Willis

Chalice: Sue Little, Frances Wilby, Lesley Self

### Hymns

**336** Jesus calls us here to meet him

**141** Father, hear the prayer we offer

**234** Grant us the courage, gracious God

**637** The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

**237** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

**324** Here I am, Lord

**Anthem:** When to the temple Mary went - Eccard

### 3.00pm Hertford & District Churches

**Together Unity Service at URC Hertford**

### 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Mary's, Hertingfordbury

Led by Keith Neat

*A quiet and traditional act of worship with readings, prayers and hymns*

### Online via Zoom today

#### 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Forbes Mutch (recorded)

#### 7.00pm Compline Rev. Alan Stewart

*Zoom links are emailed and on our website*

# Collect and Readings

**Collect:** God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

## First Reading:

### Acts 9. 1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias

answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

*Gospel reading on next page...*

# Gospel reading

## Gospel: Matthew 19: 27-end [30]

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

## News and Notices

### Chair Based Exercise: Dates for Spring 2026

Thursdays at 1.15pm in the St Andrew's Centre

5, 12, 26 February & 5, 12, 19, 26 March

And on 26 Feb and 26 March only, CBE with light lunch followed by a reflection (please do not worry if you only want to come to the exercise class – just come for 1.15pm).

Contact Viv Thornton: 01992 584004

## coffee morning

**SATURDAY  
7TH FEBRUARY  
10.30AM - 12.30PM**

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HERTFORD SG14 1HZ**

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## QUIZ NIGHT

**SAT 28TH  
FEBRUARY**

7pm

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to sign up!

Light nibbles provided – but please BYOB

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

**Rest in Peace:**

Ivy Probert, Claire Gittings, Reg Harman

**In Year's Mind:**

Moyra Hope, Maurice Bundy, Adrian Harms

## St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

### Monday 26

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### Tuesday 27

1.00pm **Thanksgiving Service for Reg Harman** at All Saints' Church

7.30pm **Service of Confirmation**

### Wednesday 28

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

### Thursday 29

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.30am **Holy Communion** at Calton Court

### Friday 30

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

### Sunday 1 February

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

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

*Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)*

## SOUL SUNDAY on 1 February

6.45pm for refreshments; service begins at 7.00pm in the St Andrew's Centre

Jesus said (Matthew 5. 14): "*You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others*".

**Is it hard to shine a Christian light day after day in the modern world, with all its problems, worries and distractions?**

*Led by Sam Chaplin and Forbes Mutch*

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