

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
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** Please consider
regular giving
and using Gift Aid*
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

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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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QUIZ NIGHT

**SAT 28TH
FEBRUARY**

7pm

Email

dave@fhhw.org.uk
to sign up!

Light nibbles provided – but please BYOB

Pioneer Hall
11 Ware Road
Hertford
SG13 7DZ

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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