

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 communion and after 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



1 February 2026

The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First reading: Psalm 24 (Katie Seaton)

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

Intercessions: Jo Willis

Chalice: Jennie Gray,

Maria Henriksson-Bell, Peter Ruffles

Hymns

306 Immortal, invisible

Light of the world (*on separate sheet*)

401 Longing for light

557 Purify my heart

416 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Antem: Jesus, you are changing me – Marilyn Baker arr. William Llewellyn

SOUL SUNDAY this evening

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

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

7.00pm Compline Rev. Alan Stewart

Zoom links are emailed and on our website



Collect and Readings

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

First Reading: Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

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Gospel reading continued...

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

News and Notices

coffee morning

**SATURDAY
7TH FEBRUARY**

10.30AM - 12.30PM

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ**

Wellbeing activities

- Accessible Chair Yoga
- 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

HOW YOU CAN HELP UKRANIAN SOLDIERS ON THE FRONTLINE

There's a local collection for the charity UK Aid leaving soon, taking supplies to soldiers on the frontline in Ukraine. These items have been requested...

- Warm knitted gloves, black
- Knitted hat (no bobble), black
- Warm socks, black
- Small tealights (in a foil cup)
- Small square bars of soap/shampoo
- Loo rolls
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Small boxes of paracetamol
- Head torches with batteries (*Jane can source these as a bulk buy if anyone would like to contribute*)

The amazing volunteer (who has driven 96 times to Ukraine with supplies from UK Aid) is collecting things from Welwyn on 14 February so we need your donations before then! Please leave items at the back of the church, labelled 'for Ukraine'. Thank you.

**If you have any questions
or would like more details, please speak
to Jane Chaplin (01992 304606)
or Julie Markey (07801 236003)**

AWAY DAY 2026

Register your interest now!

**Sunday 10 May, 9.30am-4.00pm
at All Nations College, Ware
'Belonging'**

See the poster and flyers in church
for details of how to register

Please pray for:

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

Rest in Peace: Glenn Sexton, Connie Moules,
Ivy Probert, Marjorie Stein

In Year's Mind:

Maurice Bundy, Trudie Cobb, Joan Woodland,
Lillian Allen, Bertie Hebbes, Nellie Dickens

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 2

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday 4

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

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Thursday 5

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.00am **Delta Dames Home Group** in the Chapel

Friday 6

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

Saturday 7

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

5-8.00pm **Dark Skies event** at Hertford Castle

Sunday 8

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Scott Martin*

10.30am **All-Age Holy Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge

7.00pm **Compline on ZOOM**

Ash Wednesday - 18 February

On Ash Wednesday, our traditional
services mark the beginning of Lent:

10.30am and 8.00pm Holy Communion
at St Andrew's Church,
with the imposition of ashes.

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