

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



22 February 2026 First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart
First Reading: Exodus 17. 8-13 (Elizabeth Wittich)

Gospel: Matthew 4 1-11

Intercessions: Andrew Goodman
Chalice: Richard Taylor, Shirley Taylor, Maria Henriksson-Bell

Hymns

554 Praise to the Holiest in the height

141 Father, hear the prayer we offer

607 Take this moment, sign and space

143 Father, I place into your hands

150 Father, we love you

714 What a friend we have in Jesus

Anthem Forty days and forty nights -
arr Harrison Oxley

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

Led by Rev Bill Church

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, 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 Reading

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading:

Exodus 17. 8 - 13

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 4. 1 - 11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came

and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

News and Notices



FUTUREHOPE IS A CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHARITY OPERATING IN HERTFORD AND WARE.
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SCAN ME

Owen Thomas is raising money for FUTUREhope - Hertford and Ware by running the Brighton Marathon in April.

He is aiming to raise £2,500 and you can support him from his Just Giving page

www.justgiving.com/page/fhfw-owen-thomas



Final chance to visit the Bishop of St Albans' garden, Abbey Gate House, 4 Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans,

2– 4pm today

Civic Service on Sunday 1 March, 10.30am

We are delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Steven Watson, and Members of Hertford Town Council at our 10.30am Holy Communion Service on Sunday 1 March.

AWAY DAY 2026

Please 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 – or scan the QR code:



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

2.00pm

**St Andrew's Church
Hertford
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We have an Easter Egg Tombola at our March Coffee Morning. Any **donations of Easter Eggs would be very much appreciated** – please leave with Rosemary or outside the church office door. Thank you!



Please pray for:

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

Rest in Peace:

Glen Sexton, Bridget Garratt, Denise Hall

In Year's Mind: Mary Burfoot, Alan Nicholls, Gwen Wallis, John Summers-Gill, Alan Mayard, Robert Henry Gill

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 23

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Tuesday 24

1.00pm Funeral of Bridget Garratt (*Rev Alex Norris*)

Wednesday 25

10.30am **Holy Communion** (*Rev Alan Stewart*)
7.30pm Meditation and Mindfulness (on Zoom)

Thursday 26

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel
9.30am Toddler Group in the Centre

Friday 27

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

Sunday 1 March

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Alan Stewart*
10.30am **Holy Communion and Civic Service**
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart
10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**
Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship
Sermon: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)
7.00pm **Soul Sunday**

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