

# 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  
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Speak to our Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick Sharman



## 1 March 2026

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

#### 10.30am Civic Service with Holy Communion

*Prayer Ministry is available (see details left)*

**We welcome The Worshipful the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Steven Watson, and members of the Town Council**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First Reading: Psalm 121 (Julia Donovan)

Gospel: John 3. 1-9

Intercessions: Charles Ledsam

Chalice: Jennie Gray,

Carol Crowhurst, Peter Ruffles

Prayer Ministry: Jane Chaplin, Andrew Goodman

#### Hymns

**125** Crown him with many crowns

**196** God forgave my sin

**330** I will sing the wondrous story

**787** The Lord is my song

I lift my eyes up (*words on screen*)

**31** And can it be

**Anthem:** Beati quorum via- Stanford

*Translation: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord (Psalm 119. v1)*

#### 7.00pm Soul Sunday (*details overleaf*)

#### Online via Zoom today

#### 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

**Compline returns on Sunday 15 March**

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

# Collect and Reading

**Collect:** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **First Reading: Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

*For the Word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God***

## **Gospel: John 3. 1-9**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know

that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that

I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*

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

**Soul Sunday tonight, 6.45pm for 7.00pm in St Andrew's Centre**

**Exploring Jesus' Temptation in the desert** *Led by Rev. Alan Stewart*

In scripture, the desert is a place of reflection and encounter. Join us as we explore the questions Jesus faced in his 40 days alone in the desert. Who did he encounter and what might his experience say to us as we navigate our own deserts?

# News and Notices

## coffee morning

**SATURDAY  
7TH MARCH**

**10.30AM - 12.30PM**

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

- ☑ Easter egg tombola
- ☑ Second-hand books
- ☑ Local crafts
- ☑ Live music
- ☑ Fairtrade coffee & home baked cakes

**12.30-1pm**  
Stay on for a  
joyous, informal  
performance  
by **Take Note  
Choir**

**IN AID OF UK-AID (FOR UKRAINE)  
AND ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk)



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!



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

## Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

**2.00pm**

**St Andrew's Church  
Hertford  
SG14 1HZ**

**Nigeria 2026**



### Festival of Faith

Evening talks, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church (following Evensong at 6.30pm)

#### 'The God of Small Things'

The first talk is on **Sunday 8 March** with speaker Professor Russell Cowburn, Canon Scientist at St Albans Cathedral.

If we look at the night sky through a telescope, we see beauty and complexity which makes us ask questions about meaning, value and purpose. But what if we look down a microscope at the atomic-scale world? Prof Cowburn takes us on a nanotechnologist's journey through the atoms and electrons of creation and explores big ideas and questions about life and faith.

### AWAY DAY 2026

**Register your interest!**

**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



## Mothering Sunday

Our next All-Age Service is on **Sunday 15 March** – an interactive service with Choir, organ and the wonderful Hertford Children's Choir!

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

**Rest in Peace:** Denise Hall

**In Year's Mind:** Eva Wollard, Harold Randolph Howard, Audrey Mann, Dorothy Austin, Dennis Cheesman, Mable Lillian Burridge

## St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

### Monday 2

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### Wednesday 4

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Rev. Bill Church*

12.30pm **Funeral of Gladys Wall** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

7.30pm **Mindfulness & Meditation** in person at St Andrew's and livestreamed via ZOOM

### Thursday 5

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

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

### Friday 6

2.00pm **World Day of Prayer Service**

5.30pm **Hertford Children's Choir**

### Saturday 7

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

7.00pm **Charity Race Night** at Hertford Prep

### Sunday 8

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Bill Church*

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Scott Martin*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

*Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge*

12.30pm **Holy Baptism of Hudson Niall Sams**

**Reason** *Rev. Scott Martin*

7.00pm **Compline on ZOOM** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

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