

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



26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Scott Martin

10.30am Holy Communion **followed at 12noon by the APCM**

Prayer Ministry is available (see details left)

Celebrant: Rev. Scott Martin

Reflection: Adrian Walter, Lay Leader of Worship

First Reading: Acts 2. 41-47 (Jane Eldred)

Gospel: John 10. 1-10

Intercessions: Jane Chaplin

Chalice: Sue Little, Laura Ramsay, Frances Wilby

Prayer Ministry: Jane Chaplin, Forbes Mutch

Hymns (all words on the screen)

467 O Breath of Life

81 Brother, sister, let me serve you

382 Let us break bread together

605 Take my life, and let it be
Light of the world

175 From heav'n you came, helpless babe

Antem: I give you a new commandment
Peter Nardone

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Mary's Hertingfordbury Rev. Bill Church

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Adrian Walter (recorded)

7.00pm Compline Rev. Alan Stewart

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading: Acts 2. 41-47 (NIV)

Those who accepted Peter's message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 10. 1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

Experience
Pentecost

Experience Pentecost: Celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit

On **Tuesday 19 May** at St Andrew's and **Thursday 21 May** at St Mary's, we will be telling the **story of Pentecost** to children from Hertford St Andrew School and Hertingfordbury Cowper School. Alan says: "It will be a great opportunity for our congregations to help Share the Story through sourcing props, preparing craft, decorating stations, welcoming and leading sessions... so many people will have **the opportunity to explore gifts they didn't know they had!** It will be a wonderful experience which will really help to **build relationships with our church schools.**" If you would like to help, please contact Alan.

News and Notices

CELEBRATING

The Natural World

An evening exploring the beauty, wonder and importance of the countryside through music, art and conversation



Speaker: Tony Juniper

Chair of Natural England and one of the UK's leading voices on nature and the environment

Artist: Clay Thompson

An illustrated talk about capturing nature's patterns and beauty through drawing



Singer: Craig Joiner

Award-winning singer-songwriter and passionate advocate for the natural world

THURSDAY 21 MAY
7.30pm
St Andrew's Church
Hertford SG14 1HZ

TICKETS £15
Licensed bar

MORE INFO >>



Use the QR code to book or visit
www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/celebratingthenaturalworld

The Chair of Natural England comes to St Andrew's for an inspiring evening supporting the church and Wild Trout Trust

Please do come and listen to what Tony Juniper has to say about the importance of our natural world and, whilst you are there, enjoy some fantastic art and music. Speak to Jenny or Forbes Mutch to find out more and book via the QR code on the poster or visit:

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/celebratingthenaturalworld

MAY COFFEE MORNING

We're looking forward to our next Coffee Morning, in aid of essential roof repairs for the church, including the office. If you have any lightweight scarves you no longer wear, please donate them for our stall – they can be left at the back of church. Thank you!

Coming soon...

Tickets available now!

Sunday 14 June, 6.00pm at St Andrew's Hertford Children's Choir Summer Concert, with Take Note Choir

A summer's evening of joyful choir singing directed by Sam & Rachel Chaplin. A fundraising concert for the work of Hertford Children's Choir @St Andrew's.

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/hccsummerconcert



Soul Sunday on 3 May -

The importance of free speech

7.00pm in the St Andrew's Centre, led by Forbes and Sam

World Press Freedom Day (3 May) focuses on the importance of free, truthful and responsible communication — something that connects deeply with Christian teaching. This isn't just about journalists. It's about all of us. **How do we preserve the truth in a world of social media, instant opinions and misinformation?** www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/soulsunday

coffee morning

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

10.30AM - 12.30PM

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

- ✪ Costume jewellery
- ✪ Scarves
- ✪ Local crafts
- ✪ Live music
- ✪ Fairtrade coffee & home-baked cakes

IN AID OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ROOF REPAIR

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk



Services on Sunday 10 May

There will be an 8.00am service only on Sunday 10 May. With the Parish Away Day happening, there will not be a 9.15am service at St Mary's, a 10.30am service at St Andrew's or a 10.30am Zoom service.

Our monthly All-Age Worship is next Sunday, 3 May at 10.30am.

Please pray for:

John Cook, Joy, Pauline Rhodes, Phoebe, Geoff Budd, Rosie Phipps, Georgina Laval, Lucy, Alexander, Sienna, June Roe, Paul Markey, June Roe, Robert Ramsay, Roger Beavis, Dino, Matthew Deards

Rest in Peace:

Joan Lee, David Quantrill, Ron Roe, Maureen Kelly

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 27

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday 29

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

Thursday 30

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

7.45pm **Bell Ringing: Quarter Peal Attempt**

Friday 1 May

5.30pm **Hertford Children's Choir**

Saturday 2

8.30-11.00am **Village Breakfast @ The Fobury**

A Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary event

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

Sunday 3

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

10.30am **All-Age Holy Communion with**

Holy Baptisms of Ezra and Noah Hunt

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Led by Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Courtesy of HeartEdge

5.00pm **Sustainable Eating: Talk and Discussion with**

Andrei Lussman at Hertford Methodist Church

7.00pm **Soul Sunday** in the St Andrew's Centre

An informal hour of discussion, songs and prayers with refreshments (see notice on the previous page).

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