

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.

Children and Families

*All children are welcome at
St Andrew's, do not worry
if yours make a bit of noise.*

- Junior Church

returns on 30 August

Usually meets every Sunday
in term time except during
the All-Age Service

- Deeper is back on 6 Sept

For Y6+, usually meets on 1st
and 3rd Sundays in term time
**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



**Hertford
St Andrew**

The Messenger Here with you, Here for you

23 August 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is offered during the service

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First Reading: Isaiah 51. 1-6 (Andrew Rixon)

Gospel: Matthew 16. 13-20

Intercessions: Jane Chaplin

Chalice: Jennie Gray

Jenny Mutch, Maria Henriksson-Bell

Prayer Ministry: Angie Harris, John Harris

Hymns

364 Joy to the world!

404 Lord, I come to you

485 O God, you search me

644 There is a Redeemer

766 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

403 Lord, for the years

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

Rev. Bill Church

Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom returns on 13 September

Please see the notice over the page
for details of alternatives until then

**Compline returns
on 13 September**



Collect and Readings

Collect: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading:

Isaiah 51. 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel:

Matthew 16. 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

News and Notices

Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom returns on 13 September.

Until then, here are some alternatives...

BBC Radio - *Sunday Worship* on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am (also on BBC Sounds)

BBC TV - *Songs of Praise* on BBC1, usually at lunchtime on Sundays (also on iPlayer)

Church of England - Weekly online service, from 9.00am on Sundays:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online



More details are on our website: www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/zoom

coffee morning

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
10.30am - 12.30pm

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

 **Homemade preserves**

 **Live music**

 **Raffle**

**Fairtrade coffee &
home-baked cakes**



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British folk
scene"*
- The Guardian



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SATURDAY
26 SEPTEMBER 2026

**7.30pm at St Andrew's Church,
Hertford SG14 1HZ**

Tickets from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church

www.megsonmusic.co.uk

Book Appeal!

We're appealing for good quality second-hand books (fiction or non-fiction), and children's books for kids who have few books themselves.

Please leave donations at the back of the church. Thank you.

Rosemary Willis

Appeal for items for Ukrainian Soldiers

We have been asked to make a further collection of black, warm, knitted hats and gloves, black thermal socks, head torches (with batteries), toothpaste and toothbrushes, bars of soap, tea lights, paracetamol, and chocolate bars.

More details on poster and box at the back of the church.

Many of our regular activities and services are taking a break during the summer – this is when they return:

Junior Church 30 August; **Toddler Group** 3 Sept

Deeper 6 Sept; **Soul Sunday** 6 Sept

Mindfulness & Meditation 9 Sept

Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom 13 Sept

Compline 13 Sept; **Breathe** 19 Sept

Please pray for: Geoff Budd, Maria Budd, Trevor, Roger Beavis, Carol, Jean-Pierre Abner, Chris, Phoebe, Pauline Rhodes, Dolly Camp, Sienna, Beryl Wrangles, Jill, Georgina Laval, Dino, James, Matthew Deards.

Jean George gives thanks to Almighty God for the measure of recovery thus far received.

In Year's Mind: Hilary Mason

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 24

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

10.00am **Toddler Service**

Tuesday 25

9.00am-3.00pm **Children's Choir Summer Camp**

Wednesday 26

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10.30am Holy Communion on Wednesday
26 August takes place at St Mary's
Hertingfordbury with Rev. Alan Stewart

Thursday 27

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.00am-3.00pm **Children's Choir Summer Camp**

Sunday 30

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

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reflection: Adrian Walter, Lay Leader of Worship

12.30pm **Holy Baptism of Isabella** Rev. Alan Stewart

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