

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

Deeper meets TODAY

For Y6+, usually meets on 1st
and 3rd Sundays in term time
in the upstairs room.

**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



4 October 2026 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Scott Martin

10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is offered during the service

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Melanie Seward, Lay Reader

First Reading: Isaiah 5. 1-7 (Peter Kay)

Gospel: Matthew 21. 33-end

Intercessions: Rod Willis

Chalice: Charles Ledsam

Jenny Mutch, Debbie Ledsam

Prayer Ministry: Jane Chaplin, Forbes Mutch

Hymns

555 Praise to the Lord

144 Father, Lord of all creation

401 Longing for light, we wait in darkness
How majestic is your name (*on sheet*)
How great is our God (*on sheet*)

499 O Lord, my God

Antthem: God be in my head – Walford Davies

7.00pm A Taizé Service for Creation

Gratitude, Lament and Hope for our Earth
*A candlelit service with short, simple chants, bible
readings, poems, periods of silence and prayer.
A time to rest and contemplate.*

Online via Zoom today

10.30am HARVEST Worship

Led by Kath Oates & Nick Hoyle, Lay Leaders
of Worship, with a Reflection for Harvest

Compline returns next Sunday, October 11th
Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First reading: Isaiah 5. 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 21. 33-46

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased

it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *This is the Gospel of the Lord,*

Praise to you, O Christ

News and Notices

Choral Evensong at St Andrew's Sunday 18 October, 6.30pm

A peaceful, traditional service with beautiful music from the English Choral tradition. It is led by our Choir with hymns for everyone.

MARTIN SIMPSON

"One of the virtuoso instrumentalists of the English music scene"
- The Guardian

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026
7.30pm at St Andrew's Church
Hertford SG14 1HZ



Licensed bar available

Tickets from

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

www.martinsimpson.com

Projector and large screen FREE to anyone who is interested

The size of the large screen is 189cm x 136cm on the frame, which detaches and folds up. Please speak to the Churchwardens, Lesley Self or Julie Markey, for more information.



If you are interested in joining this friendly group (no prior musical skill required), please come along to our open rehearsal at St Mary's Hertingfordbury and give it a go!
9.00am on Saturday 17 October

Or contact Jane Eldred:
jane.eldred.viola@gmail.com

Churches Together AGM: All are welcome to the Hertford & District Churches Together AGM on **Tues 6 October** at Hertford Methodist Church (Ware Rd). From 6.45pm for pizza and a chat, with the AGM beginning at 7.30pm.

Choir and Organ **Hertford Children's Choir**

Celebrate Harvest at Hertford St Andrew's

All-Age Harvest Service
Sunday 11 October, 10.30am

We welcome in-date tins, packets and jars of food and unopened toiletries. Either drop them off at the church before Saturday 10th or bring them with you to the Harvest service. Thank you!

Find out more

Our non-perishable food donations will go to two local charities, both working to help stop hunger in our area:

Hertford & District Foodbank
Hertford Pantry

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/harvest

FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL -

We would love some foliage (different colours and textures) and fresh fruit or vegetables to help decorate the church for Harvest! Please bring along before Saturday 10 October.

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

Rest in Peace: Ronald Penn, Gwen Rowley, Lawrie Wright, Jenny Paterson

In Year's Mind: Roy Dapp, Maureen Barratt, Struan Robertson, Richard Threlfall, Herbert Bush, Ernest Ruffles, Wyn Carter

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 5

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

10.00am **Toddler Service**

Tuesday 6

6.45pm **Hertford & District Churches Together AGM**
at Hertford Methodist Church

Wednesday 7

10.30am **Holy Communion** *Rev. Bill Church*

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

Thursday 8

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

Friday 9

12.30pm **Lunch Club for the Over-60s** in the
St Andrew's Centre **Please book your place with
Viv (01992 584004)**

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

Saturday 10

11.30am **A Volunteer Year (with Nick Hoyle)** at All
Saints' Church

Sunday 11

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

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

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Morning Worship on ZOOM**

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Courtesy of HeartEdge

1.00pm **Holy Baptism of Albie Jay Rolfe**

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

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