

## Gospel: Luke 4. 16-24:

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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

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## Next Week:

### Monday 28

8.30am **Morning Prayer**

### Wednesday 30

10.30am **All Souls Service** (Rev. Alan Stewart)

2-4.00pm **Wednesday Welcome**

### Thursday 31

8.00am **Morning Prayer**

9.30am **Calton Court** (Rev. Wendy Sellers)

4.30pm **Light Party**

### Saturday 2 November

8.00am **Breakfast** followed by

8.30am **Breathe Prayer Gathering**

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

### Sunday 3 — Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Wendy Sellers

Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.45am **Sele Farm Church** at Calton Court

Led by Richard West

2.00pm **Service for the Bereaved**

6.00pm **Bonfire Party** at 39 Port Hill,  
incorporating **Soul Food**

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## Soul Space

A quiet space to be still, with music, readings, mindfulness, silence and prayers.

**Wednesday 27 Nov**, 8.00-8.40pm

at St Andrew's; 7.30pm for refreshments.

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**Keep up to date online:** [www.HertfordStAndrews.co.uk](http://www.HertfordStAndrews.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/hertfordstandrewschurch](https://www.facebook.com/hertfordstandrewschurch)

*No one belongs here more than you*

## Hertford St Andrew Messenger

faith hope love

27 October 2019

Last Sunday after Trinity  
Bible Sunday

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**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**

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### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

### 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Church

Preacher: Geoff Oates

First reading: Romans 15. 1-6 (Jane Eldred)

Gospel: Luke 4. 16-24

Intercessions: Jane Chaplin

Chalice: Charles Ledsam, Debbie Ledsam,  
Melanie Seward

Hymns: **436** Make way, make way  
**258** Help us, O Lord, to learn  
**615** Thanks to God whose word  
was spoken

**418** Lord, thy word abideth

**474** O for a thousand tongues to sing

Anthem: The Call of Wisdom—Will Todd

### 10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court

Led by Rev. Alan Stewart

### 3.30pm Evening Prayer

at St Mary's Hertingfordbury

**5.00pm Jog & Drinks** meeting at the skate  
park, Hartham Common

**6.00pm TMM** youth group

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### Young Children at St Andrew's

All children are welcome at St Andrew's, do not worry if yours make a bit of noise. Feel free to make use of the 'Children's Corner' during the service. Junior Church offers groups and activities for all children.

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**Collect:** Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Romans 15. 1-6:** We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*For the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God*

## ABOUT US...

### Communion

Members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion and anyone, regardless of their faith, is welcome to receive a blessing. There are two Communion Stations: one at the Altar and one by the kitchen at the end of the south aisle (very low-alcohol wine is offered by the kitchen). Children will be offered a grape at the communion rail.

### Children at St Andrew's

**Junior Church** usually meets every Sunday except during the All-Age Service.

**Shake After-School Club** For school years 7-11. In St Andrew's Church, Tues in term time, 3.30-5.30pm. Contact Tracy (07503 397545)

### TMM Youth Group

For school years 6+. Sunday evenings at St Andrew's

### Sele Messy Church next meets 10 Nov!

3.00-4.30pm at Hertford St Andrew School, Calton Avenue SG14 2EP. Fun for all the family, with stories, food + crafts! Contact Rosemary (07713 139650) or Tracy (standrewstracy@gmail.com)

## Midweek Services

### Wednesday Holy Communion Service

10.30am at St Andrew's

### Meditation & Mindfulness

Explore the riches of Christian meditation and how it fits with the practice and insights of mindfulness. There is no need to sign up in advance, just come along. Beginners are especially welcome. Next on 6 November

**Please pray for:** Debbie, Julia, Al, Andy, Suhad Jarrar, Moyra Hope, Jackie Pendleton, Bernard Stack, Alastair Stracey, Colin Harding, Kevin Carter, Daniel Kerr, Elaine

## DATES & NOTICES...

**London Luton Airport:** We have been sent details of a public consultation regarding the proposed expansion of London Luton Airport. An event is taking place in Hertford on **Monday 4 November** at The Mill Bridge Rooms SG14 1PX, 4.00-7.00pm. There are many other events in the region—please see the information on the notice board at the rear of the church.

**Belsey Bridge 2021:** You can't accuse us of not giving you enough notice — here's a date for your diary the year after next! We will return to Belsey Bridge, Suffolk, for another Parish Weekend Away in 2021, Friday 23—Sunday 25 April.

**Anniversary Evensong:** At Evensong on **Wed 20 November**, 5.00pm, at St Albans Cathedral, the Diocese will be remembering the 15th anniversary of Rev. Alan Stewart becoming a priest. Members of St Andrew's congregation are welcome to attend.

### Remembering loved ones

If you would like a loved one to be remembered at the **All Souls & All Saints Service** on **30 October**, 10.30am (for those in our parish from years past who have died), or at the **Service for the Bereaved** on **3 November**, 2.00pm (for those who have died in recent years), please write their name on the list at the back of the church.

## DATES & NOTICES...

**Praying for the UK:** Following the Bishop's open letter on the need for national reconciliation, an opportunity to pray for the UK — for truth, kindness, welcome, inspiration and togetherness; for reconciliation and peace. **Thursday 31st** at Friends' Meeting House, Railway Street. 7.30-8.30pm.

## 2 November Coffee Morning

Delicious homemade cakes, freshly-made coffee

\* **Charity Christmas Cards** \*

\* **Gifts & Crafts** \* **Poppy Appeal** \*

\* **Hertford Museum stall** \*

**St Andrew's Church, 10.30–12.30**

**Proceeds to The Royal British Legion**

**Christmas appeal:** The church appeal for this Christmas will be on behalf of Stevenage Haven (homeless shelter). More details will follow soon, but anyone who would like to contribute to Operation Christmas Child (our charity in recent years) can do so online at [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk).

## St Andrew's Bonfire Party!

**Sunday 3 November, 6.00pm**

**at 39 Port Hill, Hertford**

Tickets: £4 adults, £2 children (includes soup, hotdog & squash) available from Andrew Goodman (07939 044357; [andrew@goodarchitecture.co.uk](mailto:andrew@goodarchitecture.co.uk)). Songs and prayers around the bonfire, plus games and sparklers. **Soul Food joins the party to bring worship to the bonfire!**

**What is a good death?** Is it possible to die well? An evening with Rachel Allen, Spiritual Care Lead at Isabel Hospice—a space to be honest about those things that we find difficult or fearful around death; a time to think about how we would like to end our time on Planet Earth; an opportunity to connect with our own sources of comfort, strength and hope. Ultimately, it's an evening about life. And it's for people of all religions and none. **Thursday 7 November**, 8.00pm, at St Andrew's.

**Sele Farm Toddlers is launching** on Friday 8 November, running 9.00—10.30am at St Andrew's School. We need some more helpers, please, both regularly with the families and occasionally with the refreshment rota. Please let Wendy or Kath Oates know if you might be able to help. We also need quite a few items for the Toddler Group. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church in the hope that you can donate unwanted items or even buy something to help out. Or you can contact either Wendy ([Revwendy55@gmail.com](mailto:Revwendy55@gmail.com)) or Kath ([oates13@virginmedia.com](mailto:oates13@virginmedia.com)).



### Wednesday Welcome Weekly, 2.00-4.00pm

A space at St Andrew's where you can read a magazine, work on a jigsaw, play cards or dominoes and enjoy a cuppa and conversation.

**Let's pray for our town:** A new regular meeting for all who wish to pray for the people of Hertford and for God's kingdom to come in this place and in the lives of our neighbours and friends. First Monday of the month, 12.30-1.30pm, at Hertford Baptist Church. **Starting 4 November 2019.**