

# Christmas at St Andrew's

*Dates for your diary...*

## Sunday 1 Dec, 6.30pm

A candlelit reflective service for Advent with handbells, followed by mulled wine & mince pies

## Sunday 15 Dec, 6.30pm

### A Blue Christmas

A short service for those who find Christmas difficult or bittersweet

## Saturday 21 Dec, 4-6pm

### Beer & Carols

A drop-in for all the family with carols, crafts and fun

## Sunday 22 Dec, 6.30pm

### Seven Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

followed by mulled wine & mince pies

### Christmas Eve

11am A (Quieter) Crib & Christingle Service

4pm Crib & Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

### Christmas Day

8am Communion Service in traditional language

10.30am Christmas Communion

for all ages with choir and organ

## Next Week:

### Monday 4

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Let's Pray for our Town

Hertford Baptist Church

7.30pm Rehearsal

### Tuesday 5

10.00am Discussion Group

3.30pm SHAKE After-school Club

### Wednesday 6

9.15am Bible Study Group in North Transept

10.30am Holy Communion (Rev. Alan Stewart)

2-4.00pm Wednesday Welcome

8.00pm Meditation & Mindfulness

### Thursday 7

[PLEASE NOTE: No Morning Prayer this morning]

9.30am Holy Communion at Calton Court

(Rev. Alan Stewart)

9.30am Men in the Morning at 39 Port Hill

9.30am Toddler Group

8.00pm What is a good death?

### Friday 8

12.30pm Lunch Club in the St Andrew's Centre

### Sunday 10 — Third Sunday before Advent—

#### Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (Rev. Alan Stewart)

9.15am Holy Communion—

#### Service of Remembrance

Celebrant: Rev. Wendy Sellers

Preacher: Colin Crowhurst

10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court

Led by Rosemary Caruana

12.45pm Holy Baptism of

Eleanor Harriet Jackson

3.00pm Messy Church at St Andrew's School

6.00pm TMM youth group

### The St Andrew's Parish Magazine

Our church magazine contains lots of information about what's happening. And it's free! You can email the editor at [hertfordsta@aol.co.uk](mailto:hertfordsta@aol.co.uk) with anything you would like considered for publication.

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No one belongs here more than you

# Hertford St Andrew Messenger

faith hope love

3 November 2019 Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

## 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

## 10.30am Holy Communion—ALL AGE

Celebrant: Rev. Wendy Sellers

Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reading: Matthew 7. 12 (Lucy Cohen)

Chalice: Forbes Mutch, Richard Taylor, Shirley Taylor

Hymns: 349 Jesus' love is very wonderful

175 From heav'n you came

222 God, whose love is all around us

455 My Jesus, my Saviour

726 When I needed a neighbour

10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court

Led by Richard West

2.00pm Service for the Bereaved

6.00pm Bonfire Party with Soul Food

at 39 Port Hill

## 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.

**Matthew 7. 12:** "Do for others what you want them to do for you: this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teachings of the prophets."  
*For the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God*

Pssssstttt!  
It's MESSY CHURCH  
next Sunday!

This month our theme  
is Remembrance

\* craft and play \*  
\* exciting stories \*  
\* songs \* delicious food \*

It's for all the family and it's free!  
Sunday 10 November,  
3.00-5.00pm  
@ St Andrew's School, Calton Ave

### PLEASE NOTE:

Next Sunday's Remembrance Service starts at 9.15am. There is no 10.30am service on 10 November.

## 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, Malini

## DATES & NOTICES...

### Christmas with a difference!

Can you make some room for an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Hosting an international student will bring a whole new dimension to your Christmas, with a chance to learn about another country's traditions and enjoy the connection and friendship that such sharing brings. HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits - one day, a weekend or, over the festive period, a three-day visit. To learn more, go to the website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org).

### Eucharist of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Friday 8 November

at 5.00pm in the Chapel at Haileybury, led by Father Taemin Oh of St George's in Enfield. It will be a sung service with the Choir singing parts of Faure's *Requiem*.

### 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.

## DATES & NOTICES...

**Bonfire Party tonight** at 39 Port Hill, 6.00pm. Tickets: £4 adults, £2 children from Andrew Goodman ([andrew@goodarchitecture.co.uk](mailto:andrew@goodarchitecture.co.uk) ; 07939 044357). Includes soup, hotdogs, squash. Songs and prayers around the bonfire, plus games and sparklers. **Soul Food joins the party to bring worship to the bonfire!**

**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.**

### What is a good death?

Is it possible to die well?

**Thursday 7 November**, 8.00pm, at St Andrew's

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.

### Christmas Appeal for the Haven Hostel:

For Christmas 2019, we are inviting church members to support the work of Stevenage Haven by donating soaps & toiletries or confectionery. These can come in their original packaging or, if preferred, can be offered in your own, home wrapped, boxes and containers. A simple card sending Christmas wishes could be included. More details on posters in church. Please bring your gift before Wednesday 18 December. It can be given to one of the Churchwardens or, during office hours, to Phil Probert (Parish Administrator). Many thanks!

**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.

**Panshanger Parkrun:** An opportunity to serve our community... on the morning of **Saturday 14 December** we're hoping that lots of people from St Andrew's and St Mary's will volunteer at Panshanger Parkrun. There are different roles available: no need for you to actually run! If you'd like to sign up but are not sure how, I'll be around after the 10.30am service (with my laptop) to help. Thank you. *Rachel Stewart*

**Sofa bed available:** We have a barely used IKEA white painted wooden sofa bed, complete with mattress, that is looking for a good home. It converts into a double bed and has three large storage drawers built in. *Peter & Hazel Risby (07519 165213)*

**A date for your Christmas diary!** St Andrew's is delighted to welcome The Melrose Quartet on **Thursday 12 December**, 8.00pm, for a Christmas concert like no other! Featuring Nancy Kerr (UK Folk Singer of the Year, 2015), James Fagan, Jess and Richard Arrowsmith, the band will perform a concert of seasonal music that will be stunning for its quality of singing and musicianship. With a lit Christmas tree, mulled wine and mince pies, this will be a memorable way to lead into Christmas. Tickets available online from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church).