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The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth. He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

For the Word of the Lord, **We give you thanks**

### Gospel: Matthew 5. 43-48

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*

**Praise to you O Christ**

## Next Week:

### Monday 11

8.30am **Morning Prayer**

8.00pm **PCC Meeting**

### Tuesday 12

3.30pm **SHAKE After-school Club**

### Wednesday 13

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

2-4.00pm **Wednesday Welcome**

8.00pm **Music group rehearsal**

### Thursday 14

8.00am **Morning Prayer**

9.30am **Holy Communion** at Calton Court  
(Rev. Bill Church)

9.30am **Toddler Group**

7.00pm **Choir rehearsal**

7.30pm **Pray for the UK** Friends' Meeting House

### Sunday 17 — Second Sunday before Advent

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

9.15am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Wendy Sellers

10.45am **Sele Farm Church** at Calton Court  
Led by Alex Mortimer

3.00pm **Church at 3** Dementia-friendly worship

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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# Hertford St Andrew Messenger

faith hope love

10 November 2019

Third Sunday before Advent

## Remembrance Sunday

**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

### 9.15am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Wendy Sellers

Preacher: Colin Crowhurst

First reading: Psalm 46 (Jane Cohen)

Gospel: Matthew 5. 43-48

Intercessions: Forbes Mutch

Chalice: Mary Horne, Jenny Mutch, Frances Wilby

Hymns: **637** The Lord's my shepherd  
**435** Make me a channel of your peace  
**161** For all the saints  
**483** O God, our help in ages past  
**541** Peace, perfect peace

Anthem: Greater Love—John Ireland

### 10.45am Sele Farm Church at Calton Court

Led by Rev. Rosemary Caruana

### 12.45pm Holy Baptism of Eleanor Harriet Jackson

### 3.00pm Messy Church at St Andrew's School

### 6.00pm TMM

## 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.

**Collect:** God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea; though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

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## 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 meets TODAY!

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 20 November

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

## DATES & NOTICES...

**Our parish Christmas cards** should be ready soon—please look out for them in church and, if you can, take a bundle to deliver locally. Many thanks.

**Thank you:** We have received a big 'Thank You' from Macmillan Cancer Support for the £250 raised at St Andrew's October's Coffee Morning.

### Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday 7 December, 10.30am-12.30pm**

As well as fresh coffee and home-made cakes, there will be cards, gifts, crafts, seasonal music and more!



### Christmas Appeal for Stevenage Haven:

This Christmas, 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!

## DATES & NOTICES...

**A time to pray for the UK:** An opportunity to meet together and pray for the UK—for truth, kindness, welcome, inspiration and togetherness; for reconciliation and peace. **Thursdays 14, 21 & 28 Nov**, 7.30-8.30pm in Friends' Meeting House, Railway Street.

### Volunteers needed for meals for rough sleepers

St Andrew's Church has been asked to provide an evening meal for Hertford's Rough Sleepers every Tuesday, starting 3 December. The venue for evening meals is in Baker Street, Hertford. We require teams of people to make a main, a dessert, and to serve. If you are interested in preparing food and/or serving, please contact Jane Cohen (07818 532154).

**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.

## 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.

**Alone on Christmas Day?** Join us at Sele School for lunch and entertainment. Transport provided if needed. Lunches can be taken to the housebound. Application forms are at the back of St Andrew's Church. Volunteers are needed to serve food and provide entertainment and transport. Further details can be found on the posters in church. Contact Janet Bird (janet\_l\_bird@hotmail.com; 01992 587544).

**Hertfordshire Concert Band:** Come and enjoy a selection of festive music and film & TV scores from Hertfordshire Concert Band, celebrating their 40th anniversary year. **Saturday 7 December** at St Andrew's. Starts 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). Tickets £10 on the door.

**A Bright New Year:** 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, 'A Bright New Year'. Not only will there be a lit Christmas tree, mulled wine and mince pies, Melrose Quartet invite all those attending to wear their most memorable Christmas jumper—prizes will be awarded! Tickets available online from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church).

**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