

# 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**

## Children and Families

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

**Junior Church** meets every  
Sunday in term time except  
during the All-Age service.

### **TOASTIE TUESDAY**

#### **After-School Club**

For Secondary School Years.  
In St Andrew's Church, Tues  
in term time, 4.00-5.30pm.

#### **TMM Youth Group**

For School Years 7+.  
Usually first and third  
Sundays, 4.30-6.00pm.

**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**

Alternatively, you can speak to  
our Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick  
Sharman, or our Chair of Finance  
Committee, Chris Seward.



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## **3 March 2024**

### Third Sunday of Lent

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#### **8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Church

#### **10.30am Holy Communion**

*Prayer Ministry is offered during the service*

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Church

Preacher: Melanie Seward, Lay Reader

First reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25  
(Jenny Mutch)

Gospel: John 2. 13-22

Intercessions: Charles Ledsam

Chalice: Mary Horne,

Debbie Ledsam, Frances Wilby

#### **Hymns**

**207** God of Grace and God of glory

**740** Will you come and follow me

**317** Inspired by love and anger

**557** Purify my heart

**741** Will your anchor hold

**Anthem:** Locus Iste – Bruckner (*Translation:*

*'This place is God's house. A holy place and set  
apart from Him. Righteousness is within its walls')*

#### **4.30pm TMM Youth Group**

in the St Andrew's Centre

### **Online via Zoom today**

#### **10.30am Sunday Morning Worship**

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Melanie Seward (recorded)

**7.00pm Compline** Led by Forbes Mutch

**Zoom links are emailed and on our website**

# Collect and Readings

## First Reading:

### **1 Corinthians 1. 18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*For the Word of the Lord,  
Thanks be to God*

## Breathe

**Saturday 9 March**

**8.30am in the Chapel at St Andrew's  
Church or join online via Zoom**

We gather to pray together about  
ourselves and our lives,  
our churches and our world.

[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/breathe](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/breathe)

## Collect:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Gospel: John 2. 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

# News and Notices

## Bible Course: find out more

We are looking to offer The Bible Course again this summer, starting in early June.

Whether you're well versed in Scripture or new to the Bible, this eight-session course from the Bible Society offers a **superb overview of the world's best-selling book, combining video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings.**

13 of us took part in the course last autumn and found it really helpful and enjoyable - meeting people in groups, where everyone shares their thoughts and experiences, lies at the heart of The Bible Course as we learn from each other.

We'd like to get an idea of what size of group we might expect before deciding on a time and venue. To find out more, or to register your interest in attending the course, please get in touch with Kath Oates:

[kathoates2022@virginmedia.com](mailto:kathoates2022@virginmedia.com)

## Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

St Mary the Virgin, Ware, will be going on a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from 9-17 May 2024. There are currently two places available which are being offered to the Hertford and Ware Deanery.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in going, please contact

Father Jake Pass for more details:  
[FrJakePass@outlook.com](mailto:FrJakePass@outlook.com) 01920 420780

## Monthly Lunch Club for the Over-60s Friday 8 March, 12.30pm in the St Andrew's Centre

*Please book your place  
with Viv Thornton (01992 584004)*

## Joint Church Away Day

### *Wholehearted*

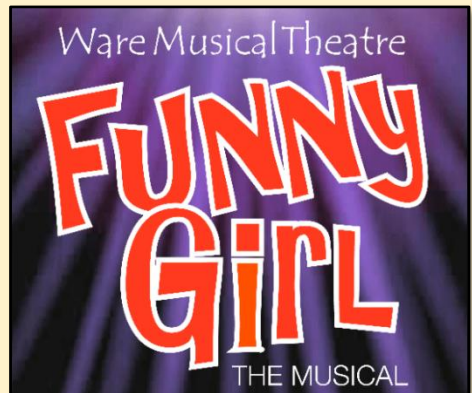
**Sunday 14 April, 9.15am – 3.00pm at  
St Joseph's in the Park School, Hertingfordbury**

An opportunity to worship, reflect, create and play as people of all ages from St Andrew's and St Mary's share time together.

[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/awayday](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/awayday)

More details are on display in church.

**Booking deadline is TODAY: Sunday 3 March**



I have 20 tickets for Funny Girl at Ware Drill Hall on **Friday 22 March, 7.30pm** (£19; U16s £18). I may be able to arrange lifts if needed.

Please contact me by 7 March if you're interested:

[charlesledsam@hotmail.com](mailto:charlesledsam@hotmail.com)

07771 841012

## Mothering Sunday on 10 March



You're invited to our Mothering Sunday service for all-ages at 10.30am. Mums and carers will be given a posy of flowers.

## **Please pray for:**

Debbie Garrod, Colin Harding, John Neat, Trevor, Francesco di Paolis, Dino, Richard Miles, Phoebe, Barbara Hurford, Robert Ramsay, Oliver Clark, Petra Vermaak, Paul Roe, Ivy Buck

## **Rest in Peace:**

Stephanie Butler, Geoff Voss, Ted Kelly

**In Year's Mind:** Eva Woollard, Len Bowyer, Terry Miles, Kathleen Jollands

## **St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead**

### **Monday 4**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Tuesday 5**

4.00pm **TOASTIE TUESDAY** After-School Club

### **Wednesday 6**

10.30am **Holy Communion** with Healing Prayer

*Rev. Bill Church*

7.30pm **Mindfulness & Meditation**

in person at St Andrew's Church (refreshments served from 7.00pm) and streamed on ZOOM

### **Thursday 7**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.30am **Holy Communion** at Calton Court

### **Friday 8**

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

### **Saturday 9**

8.30am **Breathe** in the Chapel and online

### **Sunday 10 – MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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

10.30am **ALL-AGE Holy Communion**

**with Choir and Organ** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Eucharist** on ZOOM

*Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Bill Church*

## **Quick Contacts**

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**Find us on** 

## **Soul Food Sunday 10 March, 7.00pm**

Café-style evening worship in the St Andrew's Centre with music, prayers and reflection.