

# 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, 3.30-5.00pm.

#### 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.



# Hertford St Andrew

*Here with you, Here for you*

**28 April 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Bill Church

### 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Church

Sermon: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader

First reading: 1 John 4. 7-16 (Michael Cracknell)

Gospel: John 15. 1-8

Intercessions: Chris Seward

Chalice: Charles Ledsam,

Debbie Ledsam, Maria Henriksson-Bell

### Hymns

**9** Alleluia, alleluia

**201** God is love

**699** We hail thy presence glorious

**102** Come down, O love divine

**555** Praise to the Lord

**Anthem:** Led like a lamb to the slaughter – Graham Kendrick arr. Richard Lloyd

### Service followed by APCM

### 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at

**St Mary's Hertingfordbury** Rev. Bill Church

### Online via Zoom today

#### 10.30am Morning Worship

Led by Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded)

#### 7.00pm Compline

Rev. Alan Stewart

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

# Collect and Readings

**Collect:** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## **First Reading: 1 John 4. 7-16**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

*For the Word of the Lord,*

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel:**

### **John 15. 1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*

**Praise to you O Christ**

## **Exploring Confirmation**

We're holding a **two-session Exploring Confirmation course** on Tuesdays 14 and 21 May, 7.30-8.30pm, in The Brace Room at St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury. Each session will be tailor-made for those who come, with an opportunity to choose the questions you want to explore. A Service of Confirmation with Bishop Stephen Venner will take place at St Andrew's on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm.

*Please see our website ([www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk)) or the flyers in church for more details.*

# News and Notices

## Meditation & Art in Nature

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)

10.30-4.30pm



A one-day workshop with led meditation, mindfulness and creative printing outside in a local mature garden/woodland. Led by Rosemary Willis and Fiona Fouhy.

- No prior experience necessary.
- All materials provided.
- Bring your own lunch.
- Suggested donation £20.

For further information and to book a place, contact Rosemary Willis:

[rosemarywillis77@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemarywillis77@hotmail.com)

## Saturday 4 May – a day of prayer for the work with our children and young people

We are setting aside a day for our congregation to pray for our work with our children and young people, and in particular that God would send us the right person to lead this invaluable work.

On Saturday 4 May we will start with a special Breathe (8.30am in the Chapel and also on Zoom), then we encourage you to pray throughout the day as much as you can, ending at 6.00pm with a call to pray where we are. Alan will produce a short Evening Prayer liturgy to help with this, which will be available in church and emailed.

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

## coffee morning

SATURDAY  
4TH MAY

10.30AM - 12.30PM  
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

- ☞ Plant sale
- ☞ Organ music

+ Fairtrade coffee  
& home baked cakes

RAISING FUNDS FOR  
CANCER RESEARCH UK  
AND ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Nick Sharman is being 'installed' in his new role at St Paul's Cathedral during Evensong at the Cathedral on Wed 22 May, 5.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited. If you let Nick know ([nick.sharman@ntlworld.com](mailto:nick.sharman@ntlworld.com)), he will make sure there is a seat reserved for you in the Quire.

## St Andrew's Spring Tidy

Saturday 11 May, 10.00am-2.00pm

Help is needed to do some tidying in the churchyard and inside the church – please come along for however long you can. Refreshments will be provided. Please let Shirley know if you can help: call 01992 302995, email on [shirleytaylor06@gmail.com](mailto:shirleytaylor06@gmail.com) or just turn up.

## **Please pray for:**

Phoebe, Trevor, Nancy, Dino, Michael and Val O'Smotherly, Francesco di Paolis, Oliver Clark, Robert Ramsay, Debbie Garrod, Pauline Rhodes, Paul Roe, Debbie Hartnett

**Rest in Peace:** Jean Martin

## **In Year's Mind:**

Syd Elliott, Nathan Thomas Gardner (former Rector of this Parish)

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

### **Monday 29**

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Tuesday 30**

3.30pm **TOASTIE TUESDAY After-School Club**

### **Wednesday 1 May**

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

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

### **Thursday 2**

[Polling Station in St Andrew's Centre]

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

10.00am **Delta Dames Home Group** in Chapel

10.30am **Holy Communion** at Calton Court

### **Saturday 4 – Day of Prayer for Youth Work**

8.30am **Breathe** in the Chapel

10.30am **Coffee Morning**

6.00pm **Pray where you are for our Youth Work**

### **Sunday 5**

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

*Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart*

with Bryan Fries talking to us about Young Life

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom**

*Leader: Nick Hoyle*

*Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)*

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

**Please note that there's no Junior Church during our 10.30am service next Sunday, 5 May.**

## **Quick Contacts**

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