# 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 from 3.30-5.00pm. \*Last session this week, returning on Tuesday 14 January 2025\*

#### **TMM Youth Group**

For School Years 7+.

Twice a month on Sundays,
4.30-6.00pm. \*Next meeting

TODAY and then 15 December\*

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.



# 1 December 2024

First Sunday of Advent



## 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Bill Church

## 10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is offered during the service – please see the small booklet in church for more details

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader

First reading: Jeremiah 33.12-16 (Andrew Rixon)

Gospel: Luke 21. 25-36
Intercessions: Chris Seward

Chalice: Sue Little.

Lesley Self, Frances Wilby

#### **Hymns**

436 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

280 How lovely on the mountains

566 Restore, O Lord

745 Ye servants of the Lord

247 Hark! a herald voice is calling

Anthem: Matin Responary - Palestrina

## 6.30pm Advent Evening Service 'Prepare the Way'

Rev. Alan Stewart A candlelit service with music, led by our Choir, and readings to help reflect on the meaning of Advent. Followed by refreshments

#### Online via Zoom today 10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

**Leader**: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship **Sermon**: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded)

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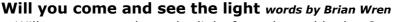
Zoom links are emailed and on our website

# Responses, Collect and Readings

# Prayer for lighting \( \) of the Advent candle

A candle burns, the sign of our hope. God of hope, come to us again this Advent. May your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

**Collect:** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are.
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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# First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 12-16

Thus says the Lord of hosts: In this place that is waste, without human beings or animals, and in all its towns there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. In the towns of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places around Jerusalem, and in the towns of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### Gospel: Luke 21. 25-36

Jesus said to the Disciples, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

place. Heaven and earth will pass away.

but my words will not pass away.

Praise to you, O Christ

# **News and Notices**



THERE'S ONE MORE PROMISE.

We missed one promise off the list for our Virtual Auction! To rectify this mistake and because we still have a small way to go to reach the target for the AV system upgrade, we are offering it as a one off...

#### One-to-One Personalised **Pilates Session**

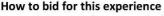
Promised by: Judy Bunney Starting bid: £70

Details: Judy is a qualified physiotherapist who teaches

Equipment and Matwork Pilates at The Core Pilates and Rehabilitation Centre.

The lesson would need to be scheduled outside of usual classes or 1-1 times, most likely early morning or on a weekend.

Further details: https://thecorepilates.co.uk/about-core-pilates/



Put your bid on paper (you can use the form on flyers in church) and send it / hand it in at the Church Office. Or email your bid to: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

The deadline for bids is TODAY



Next Sunday, 8 December, we welcome the St Andrew's Primary School PTA as they hold a fundraising Bake Sale after the 10.30am service!

## Our 2024 parish Christmas cards are ready to deliver!

We rely on volunteers to deliver our Christmas cards around the parish - if you're able to help that would be fantastic. Thank you! Please take a bundle from the back of the church and post during the coming week.





## Soul Food on Sunday 8 Dec. 7.00pm

in the St Andrew's Centre, led by Rev. Alan Stewart 'Marv'

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

Please pray for: Mike Watson, Kevin Frazer, Georgina Laval, Robert Ramsay, Oliver Clark, Galina Vasilievna, James, Gordon, Trevor, Lucy, Shelley Ives, Paul Roe, Graham Mitchelli, Phoebe, Dino

Rest in Peace: Margaret Buckingham, Margaret

Williams, Dorothy Smith, Dennis Cracknell

In Year's Mind: Betty Hickman, John Pendleton (Priest), Vic Stallabrass, John Caunter, Thomas Smith,

Vi Marchant, George Smith, Henrietta Moody,

**Dorrie Robertson** 

# St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

#### Monday 2

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

#### Tuesday 3

3.30pm Toastie Tuesday After-School Club

#### Wednesday 4

10.30am Holy Communion and service of healing Rev. Alan Stewart

7.30pm Meditation & Mindfulness in person at

St Andrew's Church and livestreamed on Zoom

#### Thursday 5

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

#### Saturday 7

8.30am Breathe Prayer Gathering

in the Chapel and streamed on Zoom

10.30am Coffee Morning

3.00pm Take Note rehearsal

7.30pm Take Note: A Winter Celebration

#### Sunday 8

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am All-Age Holy Communion Rev. Alan Stewart \*followed by St Andrew School PTA Bake Sale\*

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom

Leader & Reflection: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Florence Mae Curtis

7.00pm Soul Food in the St Andrew's Centre

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