

# 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.



# Hertford St Andrew

*Here with you, Here for you*

## 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)

**[NO COMPLINE]**

**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 *words by Brian Wren*



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 place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'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,*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

# News and Notices

## Virtual Auction of Promises

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More details are on the flyers in church!

### 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/>



### How to bid for this experience

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](mailto:standrew.hertford@btinternet.com)

The deadline for bids is TODAY

## PTA Bake Sale

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
HERTFORD SG14 1HZ

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.

# coffee morning

SATURDAY  
7TH DECEMBER  
10.30AM - 12.30PM

ST ANDREW'S  
CHURCH  
HERTFORD  
SG14 1HZ

Christmas cards, gifts  
and crafts on sale  
Raffle | Live music

IN AID OF GREAT ORMOND STREET  
HOSPITAL & ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
[www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk)

## Take Note Choir A Winter Celebration

Conductor - Sam Chaplin

7.30pm, Saturday 7th December  
St Andrews Church  
Hertford  
SG14 1HZ

Tickets: £10 (£8 Concession)  
Includes a hot drink and mince pie

Tickets will be available to buy on  
the door with cash only

In aid of the Choir With No Name

[music@simonballe.herts.sch.uk](mailto:music@simonballe.herts.sch.uk)



## Soul Food on Sunday 8 Dec, 7.00pm

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

### 'Mary'

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 Mitchell, Phoebe, Dino

**Rest in Peace:** Margaret Buckingham, Margaret Williams, Dorothy Smith, Dennis Cracknell

**In Year's Mind:** Betty Hickman, John Pendleton (Priest), Vic Stallabross, 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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