

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.

Now on a break - 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 for the Christmas Party**

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 Treasurer, Nick Sharman, or our Chair of Finance Committee, Chris Seward.



Hertford St Andrew

Here with you, Here for you

15 December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Bill Church

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First reading: Psalm 146 (Sue Mulligan)

Gospel: John 1. 19-28

Intercessions: Charles Ledsam

Chalice: Charles Ledsam,

Debbie Ledsam, Peter Ruffles

Hymns

261 Here in this place

247 Hark! a herald voice is calling

255 Heav'n shall not wait

375 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

270 Hills of the north, rejoice

4.30pm TMM Christmas Party

in the St Andrew's Centre

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

[Compline returns on 22 December]

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

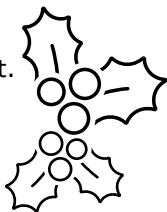
Collect, Responses and Readings

Collect: God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for lighting of the Advent candle

A candle burns,
the sign of our faith.
God of the Baptising One,
come to us again this Advent.

**May we have a faith
that renews our lives.
May we live in the light
of your promises.**



Will you come and see the light words by *Brian Wren*

Will you tell about the light
in the prison cell?

Though it's shackled out of sight,
it is shining well.

When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide
to meet the light?

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First Reading: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
soul! I will praise the Lord as long as
I live; I will sing praises to my God all
my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in
mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return
to the earth; on that very day their plans
perish. Happy are those whose help is
the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the
Lord their God, who made heaven and
earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever; who executes
justice for the oppressed; who gives
food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to
ruin. The Lord will reign for ever, your God,
O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!
For the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 1. 6-8, 19-28

This is the testimony given by John when
the Jews sent priests and Levites from
Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'
He confessed and did not deny it, but
confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they
asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?'
He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?'
He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him,
'Who are you? Let us have an answer for
those who sent us. What do you say about
yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one
crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight
the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet
Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the
Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then
are you baptising if you are neither the
Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'
John answered them, 'I baptise with water.
Among you stands one whom you do not
know, the one who is coming after me;
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his
sandal.' This took place in Bethany across
the Jordan where John was baptising.

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

News and Notices

A Mindful Christmas

**Monday 16 December,
7.30pm in**

St Andrew's Church

In the rush leading up to Christmas, a space to **reflect, recharge and find comfort** in this short candlelit service with readings, poems, prayers and music.

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



Everyone is welcome to join our **St Andrew's & St Mary's New Year's Day Walk**. We will begin the walk at 11.00am from the car park of the Golden Griffin (opposite The Sele School), but do not park in the car park (see below), instead find a space on-street or in the car park in Calton Avenue. We will head into Panshanger Park for a stroll along a circular route for about an hour. Walkers will then be welcome to head into the Golden Griffin for drinks (please bring a means to pay).

The pub car park is now managed by Euro Car Parks. Please read and comply with the notices to avoid a penalty notice.

If there is anything you want to ask, please call Richard on 07703 197707.

Please note, there's no 10.30am Wednesday Holy Communion Service at St Andrew's on New Year's Day

Christmas at St Andrew's

Sat 14 Dec

Beer & Carols 3.30-5.30pm

Family-friendly drop-in with carols, beer and mulled wine

Mon 16 Dec

A Mindful Christmas 7.30pm

Short candlelit service to reflect, recharge and find comfort

Wed 18 Dec

Lessons & Carols 7.30pm

Candlelit service followed by mulled wine

Sun 22 Dec

Lessons & Carols on Zoom 10.30am

Christmas Eve

Crib and Christingle 11am

Crib and Christingle 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.15pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8am

Christmas Communion for all ages 10.30am

Plans are subject to change so please check our website for the latest information

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

St Andrew's Christmas Appeal

We're supporting single homeless people in Hertfordshire this Christmas through Haven First.

If you can donate any of the items listed below, please deliver to the church by 20 Dec. Thank you!

Scan the QR code for more details



Model-making and craft kits, colouring books for wellbeing

Boxed toiletry gift sets, £5 gift cards

New gloves, scarves & hats. Good quality winter clothes

Boxes of cakes, biscuits or chocolates

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/christmas

Have you got mail? 'Tis the season! Please check the pigeonholes by the main entrance for any cards or post left there for you.

Sunday 29 December: A visit from Penny

Our former Churchwarden, Penny Leach (Penny Wiggins), who now lives in Cornwall, is planning a visit to Hertford on Sunday 29 December. She is intending to come to the 10.30am service that morning and is looking forward to seeing as many friends as possible during her visit.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were able to deliver the parish Christmas card!

Please pray for: Mike Watson, Georgina Laval, Robert Ramsay, Paul Roe, Shelley Ives, Oliver Clark, Galina Vaitieva, Graham Mitchell, Lucy, James, Jennifer, Dino, Gordon, Phoebe, Trevor

Rest in Peace: Muriel Mills, Margaret Buckingham, Marcia Ives, Dorothy Smith

In Year's Mind: Grace Maud Wrangles, Graham Rowley, John Robertson, Cyril Sadler, Eva Lamb, John Lambert, Win Acheson, Florence Alderton

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 16

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

7.30pm **A Mindful Christmas**

Wednesday 18

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

7.30pm **Lessons & Carols Service** *Rev. Bill Church*

Thursday 19

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

9.30am **Men in the Morning** in the Chapel

2.00pm **St Andrew's Primary School**

Christmas Service *Rev. Alan Stewart*

7.30pm **Lessons & Carols Service at St Mary's**

Hertingfordbury *Rev. Alan Stewart*

Saturday 21

4.00-5.00pm **Beer & Carols in the Churchyard at St Mary's Hertingfordbury**

Sunday 22

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

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart

Reflection: Adrian Walter, Lay Leader of Worship

10.30am **Lessons & Carols for Christmas** on Zoom

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

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