

Welcome

Welcome to St Andrew's, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

No one belongs here more than you

Children and Families

Junior Church usually 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.

Returning Tuesday 14 January

TMM Youth Group

For School Years 7+.

Twice a month on Sundays, 4.30-6.00pm.

**Returning 12 January **

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

Or 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

Christmas Eve 2024



11.15pm Midnight Mass

Celebrant & Preacher:

Rev. Alan Stewart

First Reading: Isaiah 9. 2-7 (Keith Neat)

Gospel: John 1. 1-14

Carols

1 O little town of Bethlehem

7 While shepherds watched

10 Hark, the herald-angels sing

13 Silent night

12 O come, all ye faithful

Our offertory collection is fundraising for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

SERVICES ON ZOOM

Our online services resume on **Sunday 5 January** with 10.30am Sunday Worship

Compline returns on Sunday 12 January

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First Reading:

Isaiah 9. 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 1. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

News and Notices

Surplice to ReChoirments

coffee morning

**SATURDAY
4TH JANUARY**

**ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH
HERTFORD
SG14 1HZ**

**10.30AM
TO
12.30PM**

New, unwanted
gifts for sale.
Fairtrade coffee &
home baked cakes.

**IN AID OF ST ANDREW'S
ORGAN FUND & CHOIR**

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

THE MAYOR OF HERTFORD, COUNCILLOR RACHEL CARTER

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 10TH JAN 2025

Doors Open 7pm Start 7:30PM
Simon Balle School

£15

SUPPER INCLUDED

£100 CASH PRIZE

Teams of 8 people
(FULL TEAMS WILL BE FORMED OF THOSE WITH FEWER PARTICIPANTS)

Supper options: FISH or BATTERED HALLOUMI or VEGAN BURGER
ALL COME WITH A PORTION OF CHIPS

GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

TICKETS available via the Hertford Town Council Website & Hertford Tourist Information Centre



HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TO RAISE MONEY FOR:



New years Day Walk

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).

Not only will the walk help to blow away any cobwebs from the night's celebrations, it's an opportunity to chat with friends and get to know people you may not have spoken with before. **You don't have to be a regular member of either church to be very welcome on the walk.**

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.

Breathe prayers

on Saturday 4 January,
8.30am in the Chapel at
St Andrew's Church &
livestreamed on Zoom

*We give thanks for the
year that has passed, for
the people that matter
to us and for our church.*

Soul Food

Sunday 5 January

7.00pm in the
St Andrew's Centre

*Contemporary, café-style
evening worship*

All-Age Worship

Sunday 12 Jan, 10.30am,
St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's January Coffee Morning

Our first Coffee Morning of 2025 - **Saturday 4 January, 10.30am-12.30pm** - will be raising much-needed funds for the choir and the maintenance of our organ at St Andrew's! Should you have any unwanted gifts, please consider donating them to our Surplice to Rechoirments sale – just leave in a labelled bag at the back of the church or give to a Choir member. Thank you

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

Rest in Peace: Eileen Burns, Muriel Mills

In Year's Mind: Annie Ruskin, Luke Dutt, Ernie Race, Elsie King, Stella Frost, Marjorie Lavinia Smith, Matthew Risby, Michael Penson (Snr)

St Andrew's Diary

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Bill Church

10.30am Christmas Day Communion

for all ages with Choir and Organ

Rev. Alan Stewart

Thursday 26

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Sunday 29

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

Rev. Bill Church

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

[No service on Zoom]

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