

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.

Back on 14 Jan

TMM Youth Group

For School Years 7+.

Twice a month on Sundays, 4.30-6.00pm. **Back on 12 Jan**

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



Hertford St Andrew

Here with you, Here for you

5 January 2025

The Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

First reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

(Debbie Ledsam)

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12

Intercessions: Scott Martin

Chalice: Richard Taylor,

Shirley Taylor, Peter Ruffles

Hymns

673 Thou, whose almighty word

78 Brightest and best

42 As with gladness

537 O worship the Lord

709 We three kings

Anthem: New Year – John Rutter

7.00pm Soul Food *Rev. Alan Stewart*

'First footing': Café-style evening worship with creative prayer, gentle discussion and time for reflection. Meeting in the St Andrew's Centre (behind the church).

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Rev. Alan Stewart (recorded)

[Compline returns on 12 January]

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him

homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

News and Notices

CHURCHFITTERS Feel-good Folk



Licensed bar available

SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2025

7.30pm at St Andrew's Church,
Hertford SG14 1HZ

Tickets from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church

www.churchfitters.com



CALL FOR SINGERS AGED 8-13!

Do you love singing?

St Andrew's Church is launching
a brand new children's choir
in January 2025!

Led by Rachel and Sam Chaplin

Rehearsals on Fridays 5:30-6:45pm
at St Andrew's Church Hertford,
starting January 10th 2025

All welcome - no audition necessary.
For more info and to sign up visit:

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/childrenschoir



Scan here
for more
information



Coming up at St Andrew's this year!

with licensed bar open from 6.30pm

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church

Churchfitters - Saturday 1 March

St Andrew's is delighted to welcome back Churchfitters after their hugely successful Christmas show in 2023! We look forward to another great, fun evening of music.

Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley - Wednesday 19 March

Miranda Sykes (best known for her work with Show of Hands) and Jim Causley (described by Mojo Magazine as "the finest singer of his generation") come to St Andrew's for the first time and will be performing songs from their new album, *Last of the Singers*.

Leveret - Thursday 8 May

Gryphon - Sunday 15 June

Phil Beer - Thursday 18 September

Chris While & Julie Matthews - Thursday 9 October

Bottle Collection

If you've enjoyed a little sherry with friends or family over Christmas and New Year...

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring in any Harvey's Bristol Cream bottles which are Bristol Blue Glass and Stone's Green Ginger Wine bottles (not the ordinary green bottles) and place them in the box at the back of church. We can fill them with bottle lights to decorate the church windows and bar for our Folk Concerts. Thank you.

Chrissy Barclay

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

Rest in Peace:

Christopher Sharman, Galina Vasilievna, Jim Neat, Eileen Burns, Muriel Mills, Doreen Buckle

Years' Mind: Derrick Robertson, Peggy Melville, Anne-Marie Pederson, Hazel Gray, Susan Miles, Geoffrey Bush

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 6

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

1.00pm **Funeral of Muriel Mills**

Tuesday 7

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

Wednesday 8

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

Thursday 9

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

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

10.30am **Holy Communion at Calton Court**

Friday 10

5.30pm **Children's Choir** free taster session

Sunday 12

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

10.30am **All Age Holy Communion**

Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am **Sunday Morning Eucharist on Zoom**

Rev. Bill Church

4.30pm **TMM Youth Group**

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

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