

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.

TMM Youth Group

For School Years 7+.
Twice a month on Sundays, 4.30-6.00pm. *Next on 9 Feb.*

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.



2 February 2025

The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple (Candlemas)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Alan Stewart

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: Malachi 3. 1-5 (Chrissy Barclay)

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

Intercessions: Jenny Mutch

Chalice: Julie Markey,

Frances Wilby, Carol Crowhurst

Hymns

392 Light's abode, celestial Salem

566 Restore, Oh Lord

29 A man there lived in Galilee

139 Faithful vigil ended

552 Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns, adore him!

Anthem: Be still, for the presence of the Lord
– David J. Evans, arr. Indra Hughes

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Cerys Laura Iris Morris-Bowman

Rev. Alan Stewart

7.00pm Soul Food

in the St Andrew's Centre
'**God at Work**' Led by Forbes Mutch

How might God have been at work in our lives?

Soul Food is our monthly café-style service with songs, prayer and gentle discussion.

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader (recorded)

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

First Reading: Malachi 3. 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been

revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Hertford Methodist Church 'Lent Event' for Christian Aid

Piano Recital

Sunday 2 March at 3.00pm

Bérenger Morel is the youngest member of the team of musicians who accompany services at Hertford Methodist Church.

He is currently working towards his GCSEs at Haileybury. His 40-minute recital will include music by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Ponce, Glinka, Balakirev and Brahms, and will be followed by tea and cakes.

Admission free, but donations for Christian Aid will be very welcome as this is Hertford Methodist Church's 'Lent Event' for this year - a few days early!

The Bishop of St Albans
hidden two acre oasis

Open Garden

2.00 - 4.00pm

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February

(subject to snowdrop conditions)

Entrance £5 per adult (children free)

Dogs on leads

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD

In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

Quick Contacts

Civic Service on Sunday 9 February

We are delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Hertford, Councillor Rachel Carter, and Members of Hertford Town Council at our 10.30am All-Age Service next Sunday, 9 February.

Please pray for:

Julie, Georgina Laval, Shelley Ives, Judy, Lucy, Pauline Rhodes, Mike Watson, Dino, Pheobe, Graham Mitchell, Paul Roe, James, Alexander, Robert Ramsay, Trevor

Rest in Peace:

Oliver Clark, Jim Neat, Rita Montgomery, Richard Hodding, Doreen Buckle

Years' Mind: Maurice Bundy, Nellie Dickins, Trudie Cobb, Doreen Robinson, Lillian Allen, Bertie Hebbes

St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

Monday 3

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel
7.30pm **Hertford & District Churches Together Forum Meeting** at Methodist Church, Ware Road

Tuesday 4

3.30pm **Toastie Tuesday**
7.30pm **Exploring Faith** at St Mary's Hertingfordbury

Wednesday 5

10.30am **Holy Communion** *Rev. Bill Church*
7.30pm **Mindfulness & Meditation** in person at St Andrew's and livestreamed on Zoom

Thursday 6

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel
10.00am **Delta Dames Home Group** in the Chapel
9.30am **Toddler Group**

Friday 7

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

Sunday 9

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Bill Church*
10.30am **All-Age Holy Communion + Civic Service**
Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Alan Stewart
10.30am **Sunday Morning Eucharist on Zoom**
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Bill Church
4.30pm **TMM Youth Group**
7.00pm **Compline on Zoom** *Rev. Alan Stewart*

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