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 8 June.*

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 Joint Treasurers, Judy & Nick Sharman, or our Chair of Finance Committee, Chris Seward.

Hertford St Andrew The Messenger Here with you, Here for you

1 June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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. Bill Church Sermon: Rev. Scott Martin

First Reading: Acts 16. 16-24 (Michael Cracknell)

Gospel: John 17. 20-end Intercessions: Jo Willis Chalice: Charles Ledsam,

Debbie Ledsam, Carol Crowhurst

Hymns

15 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name (omit v5)

336 Jesus calls us here to meet him

523 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

16 All heav'n declares

31 And can it be

Anthem: Come down, O love divine

- WH Harris

7.00pm Soul Food in the St Andrew's Centre Led by Adrian Walter (details on the back page)

Today's Collect: Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Service online

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship Sermon: HeartEdge, St Martin-in-the-Fields [Compline returns on Sunday 8 June]

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

First Reading: Acts 16. 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he

fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptised without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 17. 20-end [26]

Jesus said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which vou have given me because vou loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ

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News and Notices

Hertfordshire Festival of Music

Illustrated Talk – Hertford During the

War: The Evacuee Story I:

Thursday 12 June, 5.00-6.00pm An opportunity for grandparents, grandchildren and everyone in between to explore Hertford's wartime history through the experiences of evacuees.

The Landscape of the Wanderer: Three Pictures by Paul Nash:

Saturday 14 June, 10.30am -12noon

Art historian Barry Dodge and composer James

Francis Brown examine the life and legacy of

wartime artist Paul Nash. Richly illustrated with
images and music.





The full programme of events can be found in the brochures available in church.

We need your nylons!



Please give us your netting from fruit punnets peaches, plums & nectarines or onions (red &
orange), garlic (white) or cheeses (dark red or
white). We can make them into poppies for
floral displays or to sell for Coffee Mornings.
(No citrus bags, they're too floppy!) Please
leave at the back of the church. Thank you!

Chrissy Barclay





Tickets from

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

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

Soul Food - Evening Worship

Tonight at 7.00pm in the St Andrew's Centre Led by Adrian Walter, Lay Leader of Worship

'Be yourself, everyone else is taken'

So said Oscar Wilde, but how do you be yourself? Come along to listen to and discuss what the Bible says about how you could be yourself... and what that could lead to.

Please pray for: Mike Otto, Georgina Laval, Judy, Edward Palmer, Alma Cartwright, Pam Caddow, Robert Ramsay, Valerie Dunn, Mary Acheson, Dino, Pauline Rhodes, Paul Roe, Graham Williams, Lucy, Chris Seward, Phoebe, Daisy, Alexander

Rest in Peace: Audrey Edwards, Graeme

In Years' Mind: Madeleine MacPherson, Ruby Walls, John Albert Cecil Kemp, Jim Game, Eileen Sullivan

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 Rev. Bill Church

Thursday 5

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group** in the Centre

10.00am **Delta Dames Home Group** in the Chapel **Friday 6**

5.30pm Hertford Children's Choir @ St Andrew's Saturday 7

8.30am **Breathe prayer gathering** in the Chapel and on ZOOM

10.30am Coffee Morning

Sunday 8 - Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Bill Church

10.30am All-Age Worship (non-eucharist)

Led by Geoff Oates, Lay Reader

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

4.00pm TMM Youth Group

7.00pm Compline on Zoom Melanie Seward

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