

# 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** usually  
meets every Sunday in  
term time except during  
the All-Age Service.

**TMM Youth Group**  
*returns TODAY*

For School Years 6+.

Twice a month on Sundays  
in term time, 4.30-6.00pm.

**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**



*\* Please consider  
regular giving  
and using Gift Aid*  
Speak to our Joint  
Treasurers, Judy  
& Nick Sharman



**21 September 2025**

**Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

## 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: 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

Reflection: Forbes Mutch, Lay Leader of Worship

First Reading: Psalm 119. 65-72 (Peter Ruffles)

Gospel: Matthew 9. 9-13

Intercessions: Rod Willis

Chalice: Jennie Gray,

Julie Markey, Carol Crowhurst

## Hymns

**108** Come, let us join our cheerful songs

**282** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**722** When God Almighty came to earth

**426** Lord, you have my heart

**605** Take my life, and let it be

**Anthem:** Ubi Caritas – Ola Gjeilo

*Translation: Where charity and love are, there God  
is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one flock.  
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful. Let us fear and  
let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart  
let us love each other (and Him).*

**3.00pm Pet Service** at St Mary's Hertingfordbury

**4.30pm TMM** in the St Andrew's Centre

## Online via Zoom today

**10.30am Sunday Morning Worship**

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Reflection: Forbes Mutch (recorded)

**7.00pm Compline** Rev. Alan Stewart

**Zoom links are emailed and on our website**

# Collect and Readings

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## First Reading:

### Psalm 119. 65-72

You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was humbled I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. The arrogant smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts. Their hearts are fat and gross, but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.  
*For the Word of the Lord,*  
**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel:

### Matthew 9. 9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."  
*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

Blessing  
of the  
River Lea

## Next Sunday, 28 September, 11.45am

Congregations from Hertford churches are invited to meet in The Wash (the public space by BEAM) for a short service of blessing and gratitude for our relationship with the rivers that meet in our town. For those who want to come, we'll process from St Andrew's

after the 10.30am service, where there will be a short liturgy and an opportunity to place flowers into the river. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring with you a flower from your garden (or grown locally) with which to bless the water. Refreshments will be available at St Andrew's afterwards.

# News and Notices

## The Irish Wake

*How the Irish teach us  
to live, love and die*



A talk by Rev. Alan Stewart

An exploration of Irish customs around death  
and dying, and a reflection on a good death.

St Andrew's Church, St Andrew St, Hertford  
Wednesday 24 September, 7.30pm

*Refreshments from 7.00pm*

## WELWYN GARDEN CITY MALE VOICE CHOIR

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

CELEBRATING 90  
YEARS IN SONG



7.00pm at  
St Andrew's  
Church  
Hertford  
SG14 1HZ

Licensed bar available

Concert  
featuring



Tickets: £10  
(Under 16s free)  
Book through  
TicketSource:  
Booking fee applies



**St Andrew's  
October Coffee  
Morning on  
Saturday  
4 October,**

**10.30am–12.30pm**

*FIND THE PERFECT  
ECO GIFT!*

- Oxfam eco-products
- Local free-range eggs
- Homemade preserves
- Woollens craft stall
- Vintage clothes bargains

Raising funds towards an  
Air Source Heat Pump for  
the St Andrew's Centre

*'Is there more to life than this?'*  
*'Who was Jesus and why did he die?'*  
*'Why pray?'*  
*'How do I read the Bible?'*



## Exploring Faith

A short informal discussion course exploring the Christian faith.  
An opportunity to think through the big questions of life.

**8pm on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**at The Brace Room, St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury**

Contact Alan: [h.alanstewart1@gmail.com](mailto:h.alanstewart1@gmail.com) 01992 582726

Pick up a flyer about Exploring Faith from the back of the  
church or visit: [www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/exploringfaith](http://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/exploringfaith)

# Harvest Festival

Our **All-Age Harvest Service**, 10.30am at St Andrew's, is on **Sunday 12 October**. More details on the posters and flyers in church.

**PLEASE NOTE: There's no Harvest Fest this year.**

## Please pray for:

Georgina Laval, Robert Ramsay, Edward Palmer, Hazel Taylor, Dino, Judy, Phoebe, Joy, Maureen Kelly, Valerie Morey, Chris Haws, Pauline Rhodes, Paul Roe, Lucy, Alexander

**Rest in Peace:** Yvonne Norris, June Wighton, Gwendolen Stewart, Andy Neil

**In Years' Mind:** Ken Norris, Ian Aitken, Anne Woodland, Dorothy Simpson, Joy John, John Goodland

## St Andrew's Diary – the week ahead

### Monday 22

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

### Wednesday 24

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

7.30pm **The Irish Wake: A Talk by Rev. Alan Stewart** *Refreshments from 7.00pm*

### Thursday 25

8.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

9.30am **Toddler Group**

### Friday 26

5.30pm **Children's Choir**

### Sunday 28

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** *Rev. Scott Martin*

10.30am **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant: Rev. Alan Stewart*

*Preacher: Geoff Oates, Lay Reader*

10.30am **Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM**

*Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship*

*Sermon: Geoff Oates (recorded)*

11.45am **Blessing of the River Lea**

at The Wash (by BEAM)

6.30pm **Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Mary's**

**Hertingfordbury** *Rev. Bill Church*

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

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