

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

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is offered during communion and after the 10.30am service – please see the small booklet in church for details.

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.

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



8 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Bill Church

10.30am Holy Communion

Prayer Ministry is available (see details left)

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Scott Martin

First Reading: Exodus 17. 1-7 (Jenny Mutch)

Gospel: John 4. 5-26

Intercessions: Frances Cracknell

Chalice: Julie Markey,

Jenny Mutch, Lesley Self

Prayer Ministry: Julia Donovan, Forbes Mutch

Hymns

19 All my hope on God is founded

333 Jesu, lover of my soul

592 Spirit of God, come dwell within me

40 As the deer pants for the water

600 Such love

300 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Antem: Bread is blessed and broken –

John Bell and Graham Maule

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Hudson

Niall Sams Reason Rev. Scott Martin

Online via Zoom today

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship

Leader: Kath Oates, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge

Compline returns on Sunday 15 March

Zoom links are emailed and on our website

Collect and Readings

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Exodus 17. 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 4. 5-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

[Reading continued on next page...]

[Reading continued...] You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ***

News and Notices

You see us every Sunday at the front of church. You may not know our names, but we are Jennie and Sue, your Servers!

We thoroughly enjoy our role and count it a privilege to serve in this way. We are both now in our mid-70s and would sometimes like to enjoy some time off or cover for when we're unwell, although we have no intention of retiring yet!

The Server's role involves setting up the altar for our Eucharist services, serving our priests during the service, clearing, washing up, and putting the silverware etc. away afterwards.

If you would like to know more about the role, or think you might like to try it out, please speak to Jennie, Sue or Alan. Training will be provided and it's very flexible.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you in anticipation,
Jennie and Sue

Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday, 15 March, we have an interactive service with Choir, organ, the superb Hertford Children's Choir and flowers for mums and carers.



Lunch Club for the Over-60s

**Friday 13 March, 12.30pm
in the St Andrew's Centre**

*Please book your place with Jo Willis
(07572 281845)*

A new Toddler Service will be starting on Monday mornings at St Andrew's and volunteers are needed so that we can offer refreshments. If you could help, please contact Lindsey Betteridge: lindseybett@icloud.com or speak



to Phil in the church office.

Thank you!

Festival of Faith

Evening talks, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church (following Evensong at 6.30pm)

'The God of Small Things'

The first talk is this evening - **Sunday 8 March** - with speaker Professor Russell Cowburn, Canon Scientist at St Albans Cathedral.

FREE Grief & Loss sessions

Thursdays from 12 March to 16 April, 4.30-5.30pm
in the St Andrew's Centre (behind the church)

These group sessions offer a compassionate and reflective space to explore your experience of grief. Together, we will slow down and make room for the many emotions that loss can bring.

The sessions are run by Stuart & Katie from FourTherapists (call Katie on 07777 166705).



Please pray for:

Alexander, Sienna, Robert Ramsay, Lucy, Joy, Georgina Laval, Phoebe, Roger Beavis, Hazel Taylor, Maureen Kelly, Dino, Paul Markey, Pauline Rhodes, Matthew Deards, Paul Roe

Rest in Peace: Mark Taylor, Denise Hall

In Year's Mind: Len Bowyer, Terry Miles, Kathleen Jollands, Stan Stapleton, Percy Mortimer

St Andrew's Diary - the week ahead

Monday 9

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 11

10.30am Holy Communion Rev. Scott Martin

Thursday 12

8.00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10.30am Holy Communion at Calton Court

4.30pm FREE Grief & Loss Counselling Session

(first of six) in the St Andrew's Centre (see notice above)

Friday 13

12.30pm Lunch Club for the Over-60s in the St Andrew's Centre *Please book your place with Jo Willis (07572 281845)*

5.30pm Hertford Children's Choir

Sunday 15 – Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Scott Martin

10.30am All-Age Mothering Sunday Service with Choir and Organ and Hertford Children's Choir
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Alan Stewart

10.30am Sunday Morning Worship on ZOOM

Leader: Nick Hoyle, Lay Leader of Worship

Sermon: Courtesy of HeartEdge

7.00pm Compline on ZOOM Rev. Alan Stewart

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